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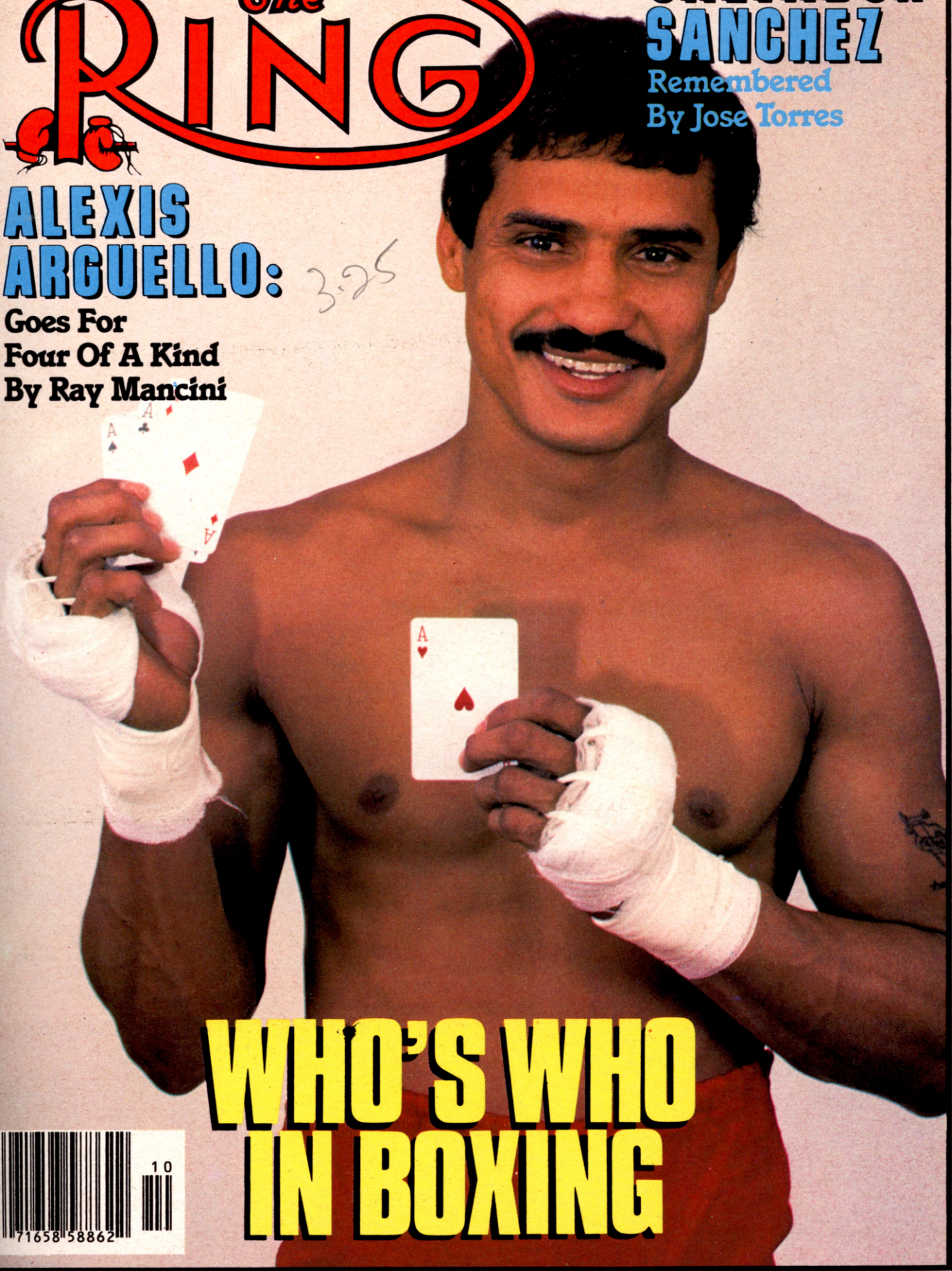

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SALVADOR SANCHEZ

Born in Santiago Tianquistencio, Mexico, on February 3, 1959 . . . Height 5″7½ . . Turned pro in 1975 . . . Won his first 18 fights, including 12 in a row by knockout . . . First and only loss occurred on September 9, 1977 . . . Fighting Antionio Bercerra for the vacant Mexican Bantamweight Title, Sanchez dropped a close, 12-round decision. Fought to a 10-round draw against Juan Escobar three fights later. After that was unbeatable. Slick boxer with poetic moves. Slipped punches as few fighters can. Had average power, but threw lots of combinations. Solid chin, though dropped a few times. Became the first Mexican since Ruben Olivares to win the featherweight title when he stopped Danny Lopez in the 13th round on February 2, 1980. Before the year was out, had made successful defenses against Ruben Castillo (W 15) in a sensational fight, Danny Lopez (KO 14), Patrick Ford (W 15) and Juan LaPorte (W 15). In 1981, added four more victories to his record, plus a victory against Nicky Perez in a non-title fight. Earlier in the year, Sanchez had retained his crown with a 10-round stoppage of Spain's Roberto Castanon. On August 21, 1981, Sanchez halted previously unbeaten Wilfredo Gomez in the eighth round in one of year's top bouts. Ended the year with a 15-round decision against Pat Cowdell on December 12, in Houston . . . In 1982, he made two successful title defenses, outpointing Rocky Garcia in a one-sided fight shown on HBO, and stopping Azumah Nelson in the 15th round at Madison Square Garden . . . In his 10 title fights, including the one in which he became champion, Sanchez fought in nine different American cities . . . Was killed on August 12, 1982, when his white Porsche was hit head-on by a truck as Sanchez attempted to pass another truck in front of him . . . Will be remembered as one of the greatest craftsmen the ring has ever seen . . . Overall record: 45-1-1, 32 knockouts.

SALVADOR SANCHEZ

Born, February 3, 1958, Santiago Tianquistenco, Mexico. Weight, 126 lbs. Height, 5 ft. 7 in.

	1975		
May	4—Al Gardeno, Veracruz	KO	3
May	25—Miguel Ortiz, Misantla	KO	3
Aug.	10—Victor Martinez, Misantla	KO	2
Oct.	19—Cesar Lopez, Misantla	KO	4
Nov.	25—Candido Sandoval, Mexico City	KO	8
Dec.	11—Fidel Trejo, Mexico City	W	8
	1976		
Jan.	24—Juan Granados, Mexico City	KO	3
Feb.	25—Javier Solis, Mexico City	KO	7
Mar.	31—Serafin Pacheco, Mexico City	KO	4
Apr.	24—Jose Chavez, Mexico City	KO	7
May	26—Fidel Trejo, Mexico City	KO	6
July	5—Pedro Sandoval, Mexico City	KO	9
Aug.	11—Joel Valdez, Mexico City	KO	9
Oct.	31—Saul Montana, Nuevo Laredo	KO	9
Dec.	25—Antonio Leon, Mexico City	KO	10
	1977		
Feb.	5—Raul Lopez, Mexicali	KO	10
Mar.	12—Daniel Felizardo, Mexico City	KO	5
May	21—Rosalio Badillo, Mexico City	KO	5
Sept.	9—Antonio Becerra, Mazatlan (For Vacant Mexican Bantamweight Title)	L	12
Nov.	11—Jose Luis Soto, Los Mochis	W	10
Dec.	3—Eliseo Cosme, Mexico City	W	10
	1978		
Apr.	15—Juan Escobar, Los Angeles	D	10
July	1—Jose Sanchez, Mexico City	W	10
Aug.	13—Hector Cortez, Mazatlan	KO	7
Sept.	26—Francisco Ponce, Houston	KO	2
Nov.	21—Edwin Alarcon, San Antonio	KO	9
Dec.	16—Jose Santana, Mexico City	KO	2
	1979		
Feb.	3—Carlos Mimila, Mexico City	KO	3
Mar.	13—James Martinez, San Antonio	W	10
May	19—Salvador Torres, Mexico City	KO	7
June	17—Fel Clemente, San Antonio	W	12
July	22—Rosalio Muro, San Luis Potosi	KO	3
Aug.	7—Felix Trinidad, Houston	KO	5
Sept.	25—Richard Rozelle, Los Angeles	KO	3
Dec.	15—Rafael Gandarilla, Guadalajara	KO	5
	1980		
Feb.	2—Danny Lopez, Phoenix (Won World Featherweight Title)	KO	13
Apr.	12—Ruben Castillo, Tucson (Retained World Featherweight Title)	W	15
June	21—Danny Lopez, Las Vegas (Retained World Featherweight Title)	KO	14
Sept.	13—Patrick Ford, San Antonio (Retained World Featherweight Title)	W	15
Dec.	13—Juan LaPorte, El Paso (Retained World Featherweight Title)	W	15

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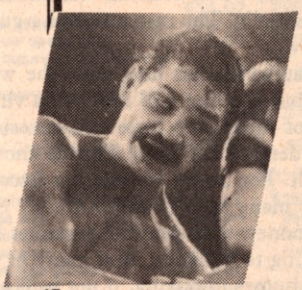

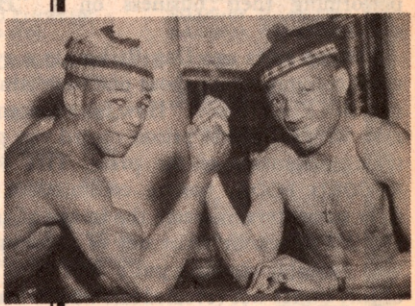

RINGSIDE

ONE OF VAUDEVILLE'S TIME-HONORED thigh-slappers used to have the baggy-pants comedian look out at the audience and ask, "Did you know that Hialeah was Indian for 'Hello, sucker'?" The response was a guaranteed guffaw.

Well, vaudeville has long gone the way of all flesh, but the line still retains its vitality, as many of those who have had occasion to deal with denizens of South Florida know only too well. For South Florida has become a haven for many who practice the art of extracting money from another's pocket without resorting to violence. And many of those find their homes in boxing, if not in Hialeah, performing their business on a "Hello, sucker" basis.

Twenty years ago Dan Parker, in a syndicated column, wrote about one such sting artist, Bill Ebel, thusly: "How far a brazen con man with a Federal prison record can go in taking advantage of the press, THE RING RECORD BOOK, boxing commissions and fight promoters to create the image of an invincible knockout artist out of a young lad who probably couldn't put a dent in a firkin of July butter was revealed last week when the Miami Boxing Commission, acting on information received from the Miami NEWS, cancelled a card arranged by the Little River Club in which Ray (Sonny) Schlamp, the boy with the wonderful 'build-up,' and a character named 'Alfredo Gomez' were supposed to have met in the main event. Besides putting the clamp on Schlamp, the Miami Commission refused to license William Joseph Ebel, Jr., a graduate of the Danbury Federal Correctional Institute, where he finished a two-year course in nine months, after being found guilty of using the mails to defraud in New York City."

With what might best be described as historical DEJA VU, another sting artist now comes out of South Florida into almost the same set of seamy circumstances: He tried to "sucker" boxing, the commissions, the press and THE RING RECORD BOOK with fabricated records; and his duplicity was once again unmasked by the Miami NEWS. This time the man who tried to use boxing was Lou Barsky, a South Florida matchmaker and manager, who padded the records he submitted to THE RING RECORD BOOK of Ceotis Burgess and Leon McDonald in an attempt to make these two fistic journeymen more marketable in the world of boxing.

When confronted by investigative reporter Tom Archdeacon of the Miami NEWS, Barsky admitted padding the two records. "I added two fights to McDonald's record and I think I built (up) Burgess' record from 8-3 to 13-4," said the man alternately described in newspaper accounts as "nervous," "cheeks puffed and pale," and with "black hair falling out." But, with that inevitable "Hello, sucker" style one finds in cornered con men, Barsky was quick to add, "If somebody called me and asked me to do it again today, I wouldn't give it a second thought. I'd do it."

Don't worry, Mr. Barsky, you won't get the chance. We not only intend to turn the letter you sent us with the falsified records over to the proper authorities for possible action against you for using the mails to defraud the sport of boxing, but will expunge you and any boxers you do business with from the 1983 RING RECORD BOOK. In this manner, and because the State of Florida does not have a commission to control the Lou Barskys and Bill Ebels of the world from playing "Hello, sucker" on the rest of the boxing world, we will insure that the cancer called Barsky will not spread while there is a "firkin" of honesty left in boxing.

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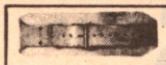

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TO FIGHT OR NOT TO FIGHT—THAT IS THE QUESTION

WHILE MOST OF THE BIG RING battles of 1982 have been either postponed, canceled, postponed and *then* canceled or fought with a substitute, the big fight on the periphery of the squared cirile—the war of attrition with sporadic fire between Don King and Bob Arum—has heated up. The man with the high-voltage hairdo, the ruffled tuxedo and the diamond-studded gold bracelets, rings and necklaces seems to be getting the better of the attache-case-toting gentleman in the pin-striped Brooks Brothers suit and tie.

The latest skirmishes have concerned control of two strategic assets: the first is a man who will always be a champion in the hearts of his Latin fans; the second is the heavyweight champion of the world in the minds—such as they are—of the WBA.

Any ideas that his two big losses in his last two championship fights—to Sugar Ray Leonard and Wilfred Benitez—had shattered the Roberto Duran mystique were laid to rest at the recent Salvador Sanchez-Azumah Nelson title bout at Madison Square Garden where the applause given Duran when he stepped into the ring prior to the main event dwarfed that given any other great.

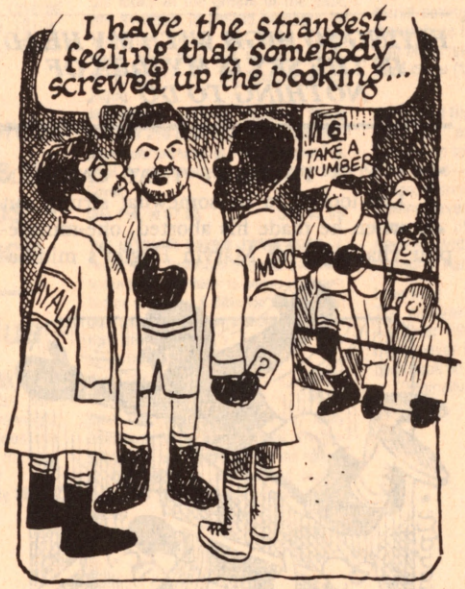
Duran has dropped his longtime mentor and manager Carlos Eleta, and is rarin' to go for one last assault at a world title, in this case the WBA junior middleweight crown. In comes Bob Arum, who lands Duran the fight he's after, with WBA champion Davey Moore. Having secured Duran's Juan Hancock on the dotted line and having given the former lightweight and welterweight champion a check for $25,000, the Park Avenue lawyer announces that Duran and Moore are fighting for the title on November 19 in a bout to be televised by NBC. But wait, here comes Don King saying "No! I have Duran for three fights and on the night of November 19 he'll be fighting Tony Ayala on NBC."

Says NBC, "We don't care. We'll take Duran-Ayala or Duran-Moore, whichever one takes place."

Says Duran, "It was all a foolish mistake on my part. I'm fighting Tony Ayala for Don King. I've sent Bob Arum my own check for $25,000 by registered mail."

Duran's advisor cautiously allows as how "After we beat Ayala, we'll fight Davey Moore for Don King."

Arum was still talking of injunctions and lawsuits when King hit him with another barrage. Arum's poor man's version of King's Holmes-Cooney extravaganza—Mike Weaver



vs. Randall Cobb for the WBA heavyweight crown—was postponed once when Weaver hurt his shoulder. A gash on Cobb's lip, suffered while sparring, untracked the bout for a second time. That was enough for King to blast the whole thing out of the water. Claiming that he had a valid contract with Weaver to make his mandatory defense against Michael Dokes in October, and enjoying the full support of WBA championship committee chairman Luis Batista Salas, King moved in United States District Court in New York to bar Arum from rescheduling Weaver-Cobb. Judge William C. Connor gave Arum the bad news. King has a valid conract with Weaver; Weaver-Cobb is off. But, don't count your title defenses before they hatch! The WBA, which acts in weird and mysterious ways, just reversed itself (again) and ruled Weaver-Cobb is still on.

And the beat goes on . . .

THE MARCEL CERDAN TRAGEDY REVISITED

IT HAS BEEN THIRTY-THREE YEARS since his untimely death and yet the name of the great French champion Marcel Cerdan still is shrouded in tragedy.

Cerdan, who fled Nazi-occupied Paris in 1942 for Casablanca, joined the Free French Navy when the Americans invaded Africa and fought alongside the Allies until '45. While in the service, the chunky fighter won the inter-Allied middleweight championship; resuming his pro career he captured the Continental title and then, in '48, wore down and knocked out Tony Zale for the championship of the world.

An early-round shoulder injury forced Cerdan to relinquish his crown to Jake LaMotta before the tenth round in June of 1949. Their rematch, scheduled for September, had to be postponed when LaMotta hurt his neck. That October, returning for the rescheduled rematch, the 33-year-old Cerdan was killed as the Air France plane carrying him and 47 others crashed into a mountain peak in the Azores.

Cerdan's life and his relationship with the superstar singer Edith Piaf are the subject of a movie that is being filmed in Paris by the director Claude Lelouch. Playing half of the title role in "Edith and Marcel" will be Marcel Cerdan, Jr. This intriguing bit of casting was arrived at after production had already begun. The original star, Patrick Dewaere, was found dead during a break in the filming, the victim of a single gunshot wound ruled by police to have been a suicide.

SPINKS TAKES A LICKING BUT WATCH KEEPS ON TICKING

REMEMBER LAST YEAR WHEN LEON Spinks reported being assaulted and robbed by a group of men who dumped his bruised, naked body on a Detroit hotel bed before absconding with his cash, jewelry, clothing and front teeth?

Well, during a recent drug raid on a Detroit apartment house in which police nabbed two men on suspicion of selling cocaine, the former heavyweight champion's diamond

watch turned up among the items confiscated. The teeth, however, are still missing in action. Or maybe that's inaction.

LIFE IN THE FAST LANE

WITH MUHAMMAD ALI'S AND JOE Frazier's comebacks having fizzled, where's a fan who likes seeing '60's fighters slug it out in the '80's to turn? Why, to Kenny Lane, who'll see Ali and raise him ten years.

Lane, who compiled a 77-19-2 record before retiring in 1965, is best remembered for going the distance with lightweight champion Joe Brown before a huge Houston crowd back in 1958 in an unsuccessful attempt to win the title. In '59 and in '64, first as a junior welter and then again as a lightweight he was turned back in title fights by Carlos Ortiz. In 1963 the state of Michigan briefly recognized Lane as world lightweight champion—a fact attested to by the *Ring Record Book*.

Now, at 50, Lane is fighting again. And while he won't soon be challenging Alexis Arguello or Aaron Pryor, he looked ever the professional in his recent eight-round, junior welterweight, unanimous decision victory over tough journeyman Bob Plegge in Lane's hometown of Muskegon, Michigan. Lane scored with light combinations to take the early rounds and after absorbing a pounding in the middle rounds—"Just pacing myself," said Kenny—he closed the show strong, taking the last two by sticking and moving and connecting to the head of Plegge, who last year went the distance with Kevin Rooney and Johnny Lira.

"I was surprised at the way I got tired" admitted Kenny. "But," added the grandfather, who has worked as a TV repairman the last fifteen years, "I know I can beat most of these so-called fighters I see on the tube."

BARTENDERS' TRIVIA CORNER

NAME THE FIGHTERS WHO LOST their first title bouts but went on to win the Heavyweight Championship of the World.

Last month's question: How many ex-Olympians did Muhammad Ali defeat as a professional?

Answer: Six. The four easy ones were all Gold Medal winners and all world heavyweight champions. They are '52 Games' middleweight winner Floyd Patterson, '64 and '68 heavyweight Gold Medalists, Joe Frazier and George Foreman and Leon Spinks who copped the light heavyweight gold in '76. If you knew that two-time Ali victim Henry Cooper fought and lost one bout as a light heavyweight in the '52 Games and that Rudolfus Lubbers, whom Ali once called "my worst opponent—the guy just stood there," competed unsuccessfully in both the '64 and '68 Olympiads, give yourself a V8.

FLYING SO HIGH WITH MY HEAD IN THE SKY IS MY IDEA OF NOTHING TO DO . . .

IF YOU THOUGHT THAT CAVEMAN Lee looked to be somewhat strung out when he made his aborted, one-minute-plus challenge for Marvin Hagler's middle-

weight title, you might not have been far off the mark.

The New Jersey State Athletic Commission reports that post-fight laboratory tests revealed Lee to have been using several narcotic substances including morphine and quinine —both in clear violation of Commission regulations, not to mention New Jersey criminal law.

Lee's attorney, Mark Papaziaf of Michigan, would neither confirm nor deny the charges but obtained a postponement of a hearing scheduled for July in which he was to show cause why Caveman's license should not be revoked. Be that as it may, the Commission has invoked a suspension of Lee that is effective throughout the WBA and honored in nearly all states in the U.S.

HAUNTED BY A PRYOR ENGAGEMENT

IT'S A STORY THAT YOU WOULD EXpect to hear in one of President Reagan's stump speeches, like the one about the fellow who buys an orange with his food stamp check and a bottle of vodka with the change.

Here's Aaron Pryor, junior welterweight champion of the world, making hundreds of thousands of dollars while his son collects welfare from the state.

The County Welfare Department of Hamilton County, Ohio recently filed suit on behalf of Elaine Harris, a 27-year-old Cincinnati woman, to compel Pryor to provide support for her nine-year-old boy whom she claimed he had fathered. Pryor's denial of paternity apparently did not carry quite as much weight as did the blood-test, introduced as evidence, that reportedly showed him to be the father with over 99 percent certainty. The nine-judge panel ruled that Pryor is indeed the boy's father. So when the champion fights Alexis Arguello later this year, his manager won't be the only one taking ten percent.

PUNCHLINES

"BOOM BOOM" MANCINI ON HIS image: "I'm no white hope. I have black and Hispanic fans, too because they know I battled for what I've got. I ain't no Gerry Cooney."

Kenny "Bang Bang" Bogner on a possible title shot: "I want 'Boom Boom' Mancini. Arguello? I don't even wanna think about Arguello—he's in a league by himself."

"Sugar" Ray Leonard on why he wears his wraparound goggles: "So many people come up and poke me in the eye to satisfy themselves as to how it's coming along. It seems like a thousand people a day ask me about it. I ought to get a card printed up that I can hand out that says, 'The eye's OK'."

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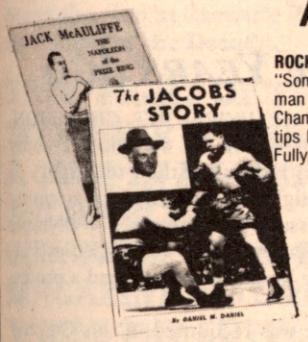

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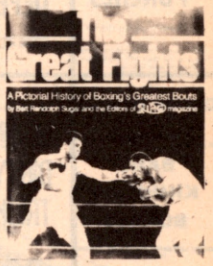

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TEN YEARS AGO

NAT FLEISCHER, RING'S FOUNDER AND EDITOR FOR over fifty years was remembered in this issue following his death . . . In the magazine was Fleischer's All-time choices. He rated Jack Johnson, Jack Dempsey and then Joe Louis as the best all around fighter.

Floyd Patterson was considered to have taken another step toward a rematch with Muhammad Ali by knocking out Pedro Agosto in six rounds . . . Although 37, Patterson was ranked third by the RING and had won nine straight going back to his loss to Jimmy Ellis in 1968.

Former heavyweight contender, Zora Folley was killed when he fell into an empty swimming pool in Arizona. After fourteen years as a contender, Folley received a title shot from Cassius Clay in 1967. At the age of 34, he wasn't up to the task . . . His career was marked by fights with the top heavyweights of the times.

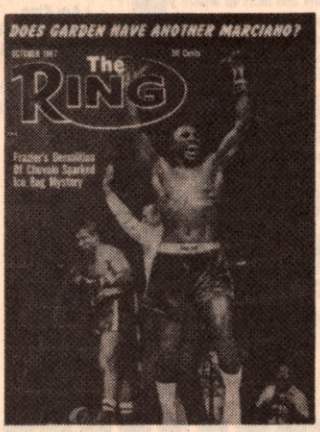
FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

JOE FRAZIER FORGED HIS WAY TO THE TOP OF THE RING heavyweight ratings with a fourth round demolition of George Chuavalo . . . Chuvalo had gone fifteen rounds with Muhammad Ali, making Frazier's performance all the more impressive . . .

The Houston Astrodome was the stage for the first round of the heavyweight elimination tournament . . . Thad Spencer decisioned Ernie Terrell and Jimmy Ellis stopped Leotis Martin . . . As Nat Fleischer put it: ". . . the heavyweight pot is boiling."

Mrs. Marion Bassett became Canada's first woman boxing promoter with a successful card in Toronto. Not only was the promoter a first but the M.C. was a "shapely lass by the name of Lorna Anderson."

BACK IN THE RING



TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

THE WORLD'S YOUNGEST HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION, Floyd Patterson, defended his crown by stopping Tommy "Hurricane" Jackson in the tenth round of their title fight . . . Referee Ruby Goldstein was highly commended for stopping it before Jackson took unnecessary punishment . . . Olympic heavyweight champion Pete Rademacher, was signed as Patterson's next opponent despite his never having had a professional bout.

The history of the left hook was recounted in this October issue with the bout of Carmen Basilio vs Ray Robinson as its centerpeice . . . Basilio had proven himself as a great hooker with his knockout of Tony DeMarco. Robinson showed his left hooking ability many times, like in the fifth round of his KO victory over middleweight champion Gene Fullmer.

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RICHARD "KO" NICASTRO, B'KLYN, NY

Editor's Note: Mr. Nicastro's attention is directed to the May 1980 issue of* Ring, *devoted to Marciano, plus references to "The Rock" in many other issues of* The Ring, *including last month's "Great Chins" article and this month's B.I.

READER WANTS MORE AND MORE OF LESS AND LESS

I HAVE BEEN READING YOUR GLORY-filled publication since April of 1954 and have in my personal possession every *Ring* since then. But now I must protest! What happened to the glorious days of yesteryear in *The Ring*? What happened to the days when I would read about Conn, Fitz or Corbett? Now, I must suffer through yet another issue of how Sugar Ray will do it again to Tommy Hearns. WHO CARES? How could you have let this happen? When will the fans of today realize that the great participants of this sport lived in another era? This once-great magazine has become, under the leadership of Bert Sugar, a piece of garbage. Poor Nat Fleischer must be turning over in his grave. What was once one of the greatest sports magazines has become an article of ridicule for those who truly love the sport.

DAVID S. HUBERT

Editor's reply:

Who was it who said, "Nostalgia isn't what it once was?" We believe* THE RING *not only is "The Bible of Boxing," but it is the trade paper as well, reflecting the old and the new. In order for us to present balanced reading to a balanced audience, we cannot continue to dwell only in the past. The present—and the future too—must be reflected in the pages of* THE RING. *Otherwise, we are unfair to our readers and our heritage. We cannot—and will not—ignore the majority of our readers for the Mr. Huberts' of the world. We feel we have more nostalgia than any other magazine now on the market. But even that may not be enough for Mr. Hubert, who must remember "Nostalgia isn't what it used to be."

IN THE LAND OF THE BLIND, THE ONE-EYED MAN IS KING DEPT.

THE *RING* INTERNATIONAL RATings are unquestionably the best in the world. However, now that they are being cited by various networks and the *Ring* belt is starting to be worn by champions into the ring, it is time to view these ratings with the same scrutiny tended those of the other so-called authorities (which I collectively call the [W] B.S.).

I therefore pose the following important questions:

I. Cruiserweights. This new division is probably Jose Sulaiman's only positive contribution to the sport of boxing. Why does *The Ring* resist it? Is it your professional respect for tradition—a poor excuse—or is it simply because it was Sulaiman's idea? What do you suggest for a top boxer whose best fighting weight is 185?

Also, your ratings section states that a "light heavyweight" is "not over 175 pounds." Carlos DeLeon, Marvin Camel, S.T. Gordon and Bash Ali always fight *above* this weight. Considering your current stance on Cruiserweights, why are these men listed as light heavyweights and not as heavyweights?

II. Classifications. Your refusal to recognize the junior bantamweight division is quite understandable. However, why are Chul-Ho Kim, Rafael Orono and Jiro Watanabe listed as bantamweights while Rafael Pedroza, Gustavo Ballas and Willie Jensen are listed as flyweights? They all fight at the same weight.

Finally, why is Lupe Pintor rated above Jaime Garza as a bantamweight but below him as a junior featherweight? Similar situations have existed between other fighters in your magazine in the past and seem nonsensical.

The Ring is a quality publication and its ratings are top-notch, but let's strive to make them perfect.

SOLOMON SAMUELS, CULVER CITY, CA

Editor's Note: First of all, let it be known that although we consider* The Ring *Ratings Panel to be the best system presently employed to rank fighters, it is far from perfect. Therefore, we may have some shortcomings, some of which reader Samuels points out. However, in all fairness, it should be pointed out that with 50 balloteers from around the world voting on a one-to-ten basis, their votes, like those of any 50 tried-and-true men, rarely tally and are, therefore, subject to discussion and disagreement. Also, because so much time elapses between tabulating the votes from the balloteers and then getting them into print—and on the newsstands—a fighter's most recent progress may not be reflected for at least a month. On cruiserweights, please see last month's* Ring *for our views.

EL PRIMO FOR EL TORRITO

I HAVE BEEN READING *THE RING* FOR over forty years and I would like to inform you that when Tony Ayala Jr. wins the junior middle or middleweight championship he will be the first Mexican-American boxer (Chicano—a Mexican born in the U.S.) to do so. I predict he will do it in 1983.

MOSES P. SALDANA, AUSTIN, TX

WHEN WILL ONE AND ONE EQUAL JUST ONE?

I READ IN THE NEWSPAPERS AFTER THE Holmes-Cooney fight that the people handling Holmes were wondering who would be the next, most suitable challenger for the champ. To me the answer is obvious: Mike Weaver, the WBA heavyweight titlist. Let's have a fight for the *undisputed* heavyweight title of the world. Can the WBA and the WBC come together on such a bout, or is it Don King who determines everything?

SVEN EKSTROM GOTEBORG, SWEDEN

MOORE CREDIT DUE

I HAD MY DOUBTS WHEN THE WBA gave Davey Moore a title shot against Tadashi Mihara, especially when others were more deserving of a crack at the crown. Even the writers took to lashing out at the WBA before the fight, criticizing the "crooked" boxing association. However, now that Moore has gone on to knock out Mihara and defend his title successfully against Charlie Weir and Ayub Kalule, the move has made the WBA look good while the writers now have egg on their faces. Credit should be given to Davey Moore by those same writers.

WAYNE KAMIDOI, CAPAC, MICH.

AFTER GETTING HIS PRYORITIES STRAIGHT, WHAT'S NEXT FOR ALEXIS?

AFTER WATCHING THE GREAT ALEXIS Arguello get up off the canvas and annihilate Andrew Ganigan, I was glad he decided to move up in weight. He had easily disposed of all the supposed "legitimate" competition in the lightweight division.

I am confident that Arguello will not only dominate the junior welterweights as well, but that he will lift Aaron Pryor's crown and become boxing's first four-time champion. Who knows?, with Sugar Ray Leonard's career in jeopardy, Arguello might just gun for a fifth title before he finishes.

TOM KENNEDY, TAKOMA PARK, MD

THE RAY OF LIGHTWEIGHTS AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL

I WOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE RAY Mancini for his first-round knockout of Art Frias. I would also like to commend Alexis Arguello on his victory of Andrew Ganigan. But, these two should not come together again in the ring until Mancini is ready. It would be a foolish move on both sides should they agree to fight now. Mancini is in the process of furthering his career as the WBA lightweight champion. He is on the move, despite a previous loss to Arguello. Arguello, on the other hand, is on the verge of fighting Aaron Pryor for the WBA junior welterweight crown and a fourth unprecedented world title—a boxing milestone. Mancini should definitely fight Arguello again, maybe in a year or so—but not right now.

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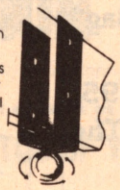

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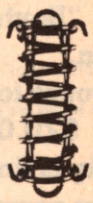

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—LARRY GUIHEMPE

A *They probably used the old, crackling arc lamps. Those were the lights used in silent movies before the coming of talkies rendered them obsolete because they made so much noise.*

Q In 1939, I boxed a man in Ridgewood Grove named Johnny (Skippy) Allen. Is this the same fighter who fought Jersey Joe Walcott twice in 1945? (I fought under the name Don Pace.)

—DOM DE PASQUALE

A *Can't say for certain. Reasonably complete record keeping was not started until 1944, when Nat Fleischer's staff began compiling data for the first yearly supplement to his* All-Time Ring Record Book. *Johnny Allen was fighting in 1939, however, and it's certainly reasonable to assume this was the man you boxed. (Perhaps the newly formed International Boxing Research Organization can provide some help.)*

Q What was Willie Pep's career record, and how many times did he defend his featherweight crown?

—TERRY COLLINS

A *Willie compiled a 230-11-1 mark in 242 professional bouts. He won the world featherweight title by beating Chalky Wright in Madison Square Garden on November 20, 1942 and successfully defended it six times before Sandy Saddler relieved him of it with a fourth round knockout at the Garden on October 29, 1948. Willie regained the crown with a unanimous decision over Sandy at the Garden on February 11, 1949, and then successfully defended it thrice more before Saddler took it back on September 8, 1950, when the third Pep-Saddler bout was halted between the eighth and ninth rounds. Pep chellenged Saddler again on September 26, 1951, but was stopped between rounds nine and 10.*

Q When and where did Benny Leonard die?

—BEN FEINGOLD

A *Benny collapsed from a heart attack while refereeing a six-round bout between Mario Ramon of Los Angeles and Bobby Williams of Harlem in St. Nicholas Arena on April 18, 1947 and died as he was being carried to his dressing room on a stretcher.*

Q Was Tommy Paul Italian? What was his real name?

—TONY FALSETTI

A *Yes. He was born Thomas Paula in Buffalo on March 4, 1909.*

Q Who was Freddie Miller's first manager, before Pete Reilly?

—JOHN EISNER

A *Danny Davis.*

Q How tall was Vittorio Campolo?

—IRVING WEINSTEIN

A *Six foot seven.*

Q Did Joe Gans ever fight Ad Wolgast?

—PETER BOYCE

A *No.*

Q What was the original name of Rockland Palace? Of the Commonwealth Sporting Club?

—GUS SHEARING

A *The Manhattan Casino. The Harlem Sporting Club.*

Q I've read that Packey McFarland, the old light and welterweight, was never floored. Is this true?

—PADDY O'TOOLE

A *No. Cyclone Johnny Thompson had him on the deck.*

Q Was Muhammad Ali ever cut in the pro ring?

—JOE TWININGS

A *Yes. Bob Foster cut him in their bout in Stateline, Nevada, on November 21, 1972.*

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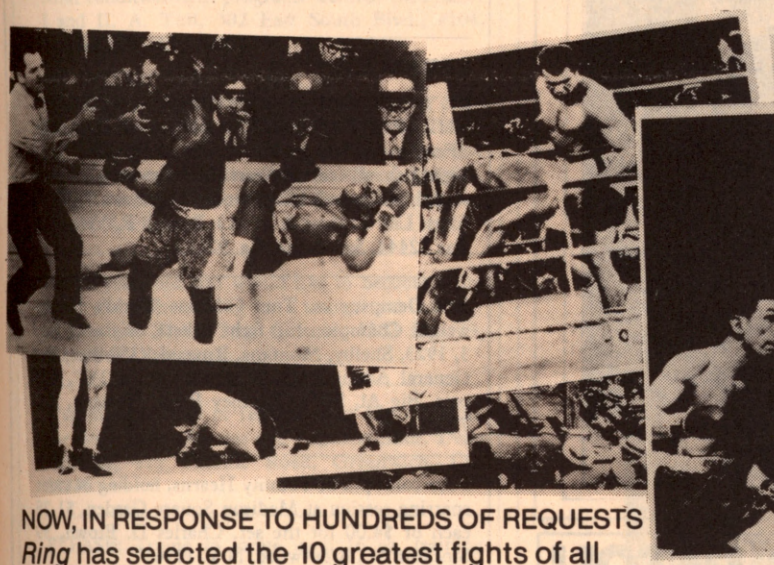

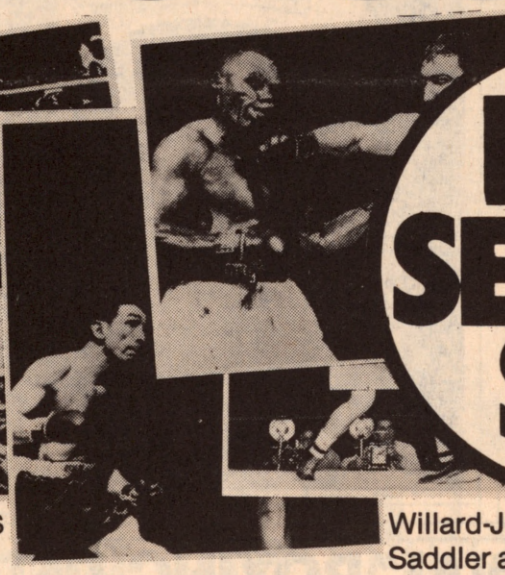

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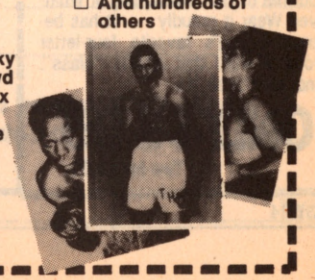

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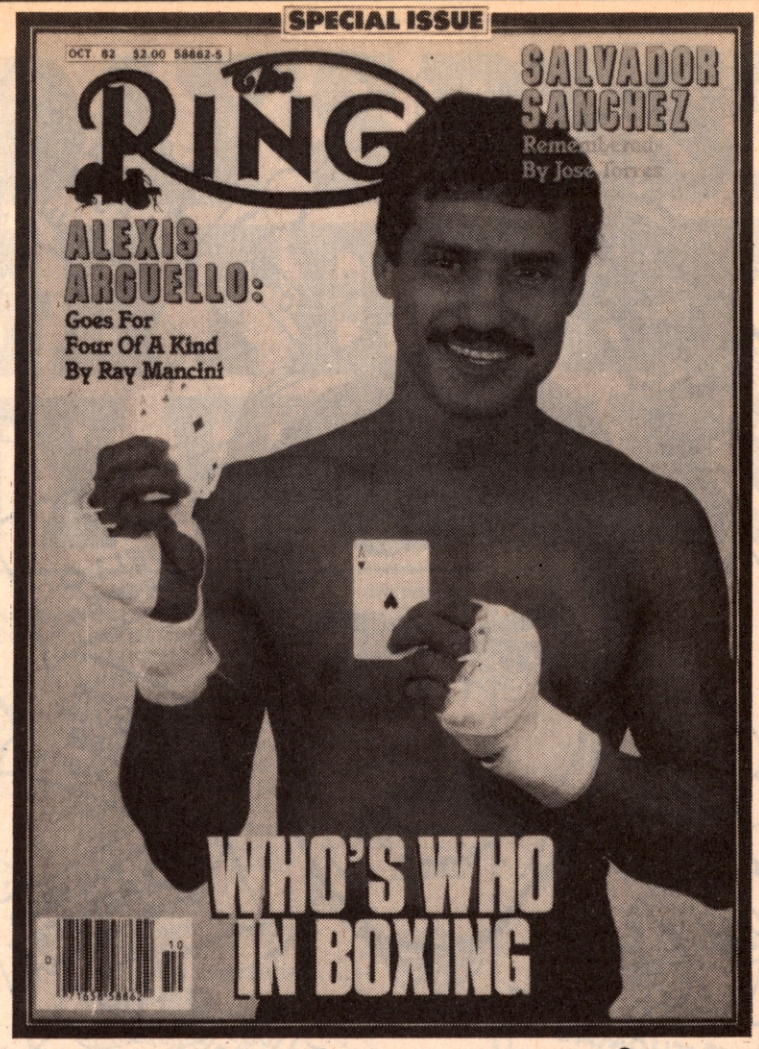

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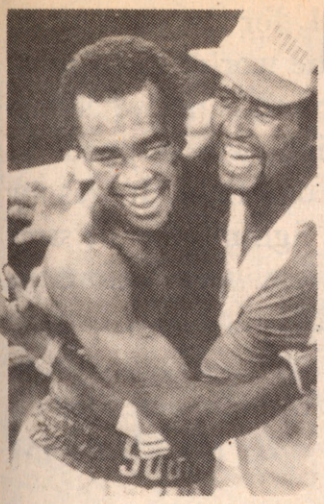

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	NAME	WEIGHT CLASSIFICATION	TOTAL POINTS
1.	SUGAR RAY LEONARD	WELTERWEIGHT*	490 (30)
2.	ALEXIS ARGUELLO	LIGHTWEIGHT*	440 (22)
3.	LARRY HOLMES	HEAVYWEIGHT*	386 (6)
4.	MARVIN HAGLER	MIDDLEWEIGHT*	346
5.	WILFRED BENITEZ	JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHT	310
6.	SALVADOR SANCHEZ	FEATHERWEIGHT*	296
7.	THOMAS HEARNS	WELTERWEIGHT	143
8.	MICHAEL SPINKS	LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT	116
9.	WILFREDO GOMEZ	JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHT*	106
10.	JEFF CHANDLER	BANTAMWEIGHT*	85
	AARON PRYOR	JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHT*	85
12.	DWIGHT BRAXTON	LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT*	56
13.	EUSEBIO PEDROZA	FEATHERWEIGHT	33
14.	EDWIN ROSARIO	LIGHTWEIGHT	20
	TONY AYALA, JR.	JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHT	20
16.	LUPE PINTOR	BANTAMWEIGHT	18
17.	SAOUL MAMBY	JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHT	12
18.	RAY MANCINI	LIGHTWEIGHT	10
19.	DAVEY MOORE	JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHT	9
20.	GERRY COONEY	HEAVYWEIGHT	6
21.	SAM SERRANO	JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHT*	4
	ROBERTO DURAN	JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHT	4
23.	DONALD CURRY	WELTERWEIGHT	3
	CORNELIUS BOZA-EDWARDS	JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHT	3
25.	PIPINO CUEVAS	WELTERWEIGHT	2
	MICHAEL DOKES	HEAVYWEIGHT	2

*World Champion as recognized by *The Ring*

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LAST YEAR, FOR THE FIRST time in 52 years, THE RING polled its International Ratings Panel to determine, in their collective opinion, who was "The Best Fighter at Any Weight." The results, not surprisingly—even before the Leonard-Hearns fight—showed their overwhelming choice to be Sugar Ray Leonard.

This year the result, at least in terms of "Boxing's King of the Mountain," is no different; "The Best Fighter at Any Weight" continues to be Sugar Ray Leonard, even though he has fought only once in '82 and his future is on hold. However, the supporting cast has changed, and, in some cases, radically.

Numero Dos in the '82 poll—and closer than the 2nd highest-rated fighter in last year's poll to the top-rated Leonard—is Alexis Arguello, thought by many to be the top fighter, all around. In the third position, down from his second spot in '81, is heavyweight titlist Larry Holmes.

Marvelous Marvin Hagler finished in the fourth spot, up from a tie for fifth last year with Arguello. Wilfred Benitez jumped to the fifth spot from seventh last year and the late, great Salvador Sanchez moved up to the sixth position from ninth. The rest of the Top Ten including Thomas Hearns, seventh, down from his heady finish of third a year ago, Michael Spinks, leapfrogging from 12th to eighth, Wilfredo Gomez, falling to ninth from fourth and Jeff Chandler and Aaron Pryor, two newcomers to the Top Ten, tying for 10th place.

All in all, 26 fighters, the same number as last year, were given votes. But, with the exception of the top dog, Sugar Ray Leonard, nary a one finished in the same position, proving what a difference a year makes.

OCTOBER 1981

		WEIGHT CLASSIFICATION	TOTAL POINTS
1.	**Sugar Ray Leonard**	**Welterweight***	**434 (20)**
2.	**Larry Holmes**	**Heavyweight***	**326 (6)**
3.	**Thomas Hearns**	**Welterweight**	**321 (4)**
4.	**Wilfredo Gomez**	**Jr. Featherweight***	**284 (10)**
5.	**Alexis Arguello**	**Lightweight***	**262 (4)**
	Marvin Hagler	**Middleweight***	**262 (4)**
7.	**Wilfred Benitez**	**Jr. Middleweight**	**254**
8.	**Gerry Cooney**	**Heavyweight**	**115**
9.	**Salvador Sanchez**	**Featherweight***	**102**
10.	**Roberto Duran**	**Jr. Middleweight**	**54**
11	Matthew Saad Muhammad	Light Heavyweight*	38
12	Michael Spinks	Light Heavyweight	36
13	Aaron Pryor	Jr. Welterweight*	34
14	Jeff Chandler	Bantamweight*	32
	Mike Weaver	Heavyweight	32
16	Saoul Mamby	Jr. Welterweight	29
17	Eusebio Pedroza	Featherweight	21
18	Pipino Cuevas	Welterweight	18
19	Cornelius Boza-Edwards	Jr. Lightweight	16
20	Greg Page	Heavyweight	15
21	Ray "Boom Boom" Mancini	Lightweight	13
22	Sean O'Grady	Lightweight	9
	Lupe Pintor	Bantamweight	9
24	Michael Dokes	Heavyweight	8
25	Mustafa Hamsho	Middleweight	4
26	Ayub Kalule	Jr. Middleweight	3

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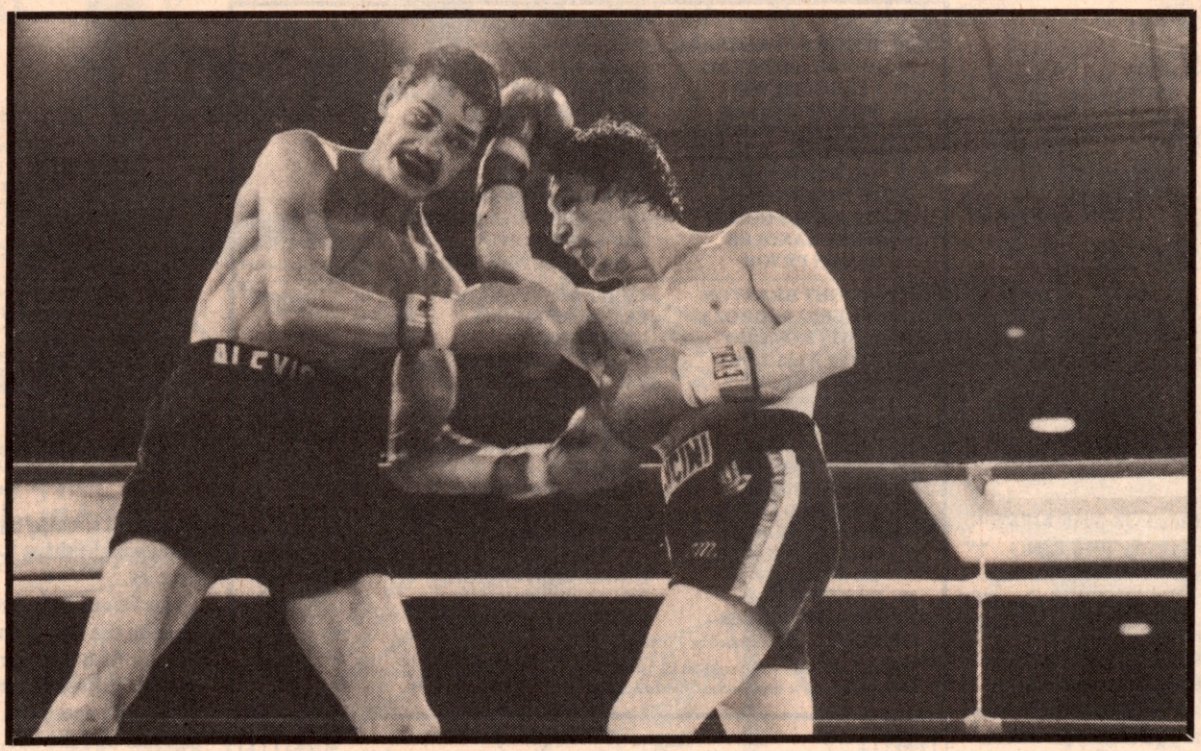
I FOUGHT ALEXIS on October 3, 1981, for the lightweight championship of the world. I can recall every moment of the fight. The part of the fight that stands out in my mind is not what happened during the fight, but what happened only moments after the fight was stopped. ¶I wanted to win the fight so badly. My whole life revolved around that one fight. It was my dream to win the title. I was living the dream my father once had. I was fighting for the same title he once had hoped to fight for, but never got the chance. Only a few weeks before the Arguello fight, Dad had undergone a triple bypass operation. Doctors told him not to attend the fight. They told him, "Watching your son fight for the title might kill you." He told them, "*Not* watching him fight will kill me." He was right there at ringside as Arguello defended his title for the first time against someone who wanted it as badly as he did. ***BY RAY MANCINI***



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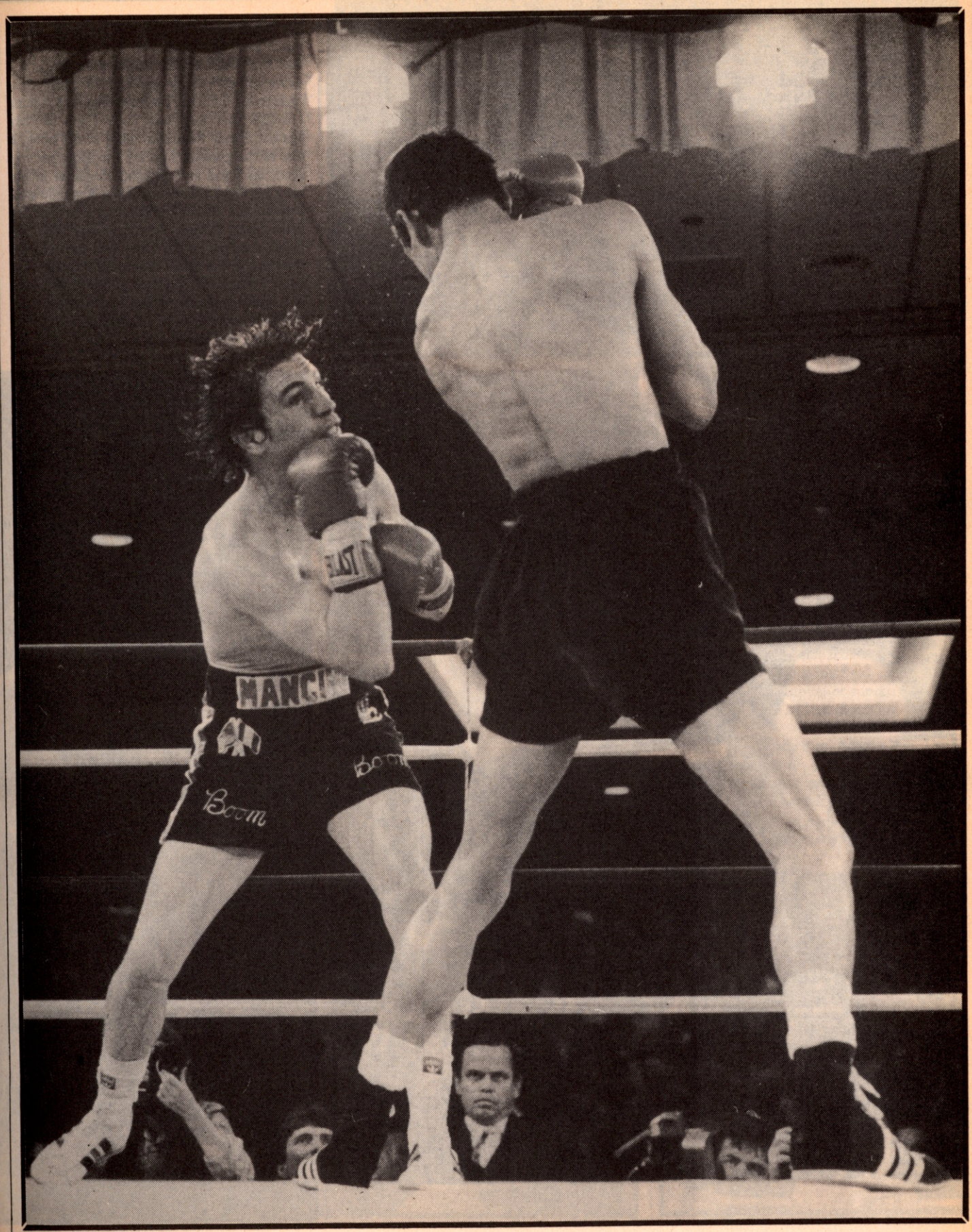
by Ray (Boom Boom) Mancini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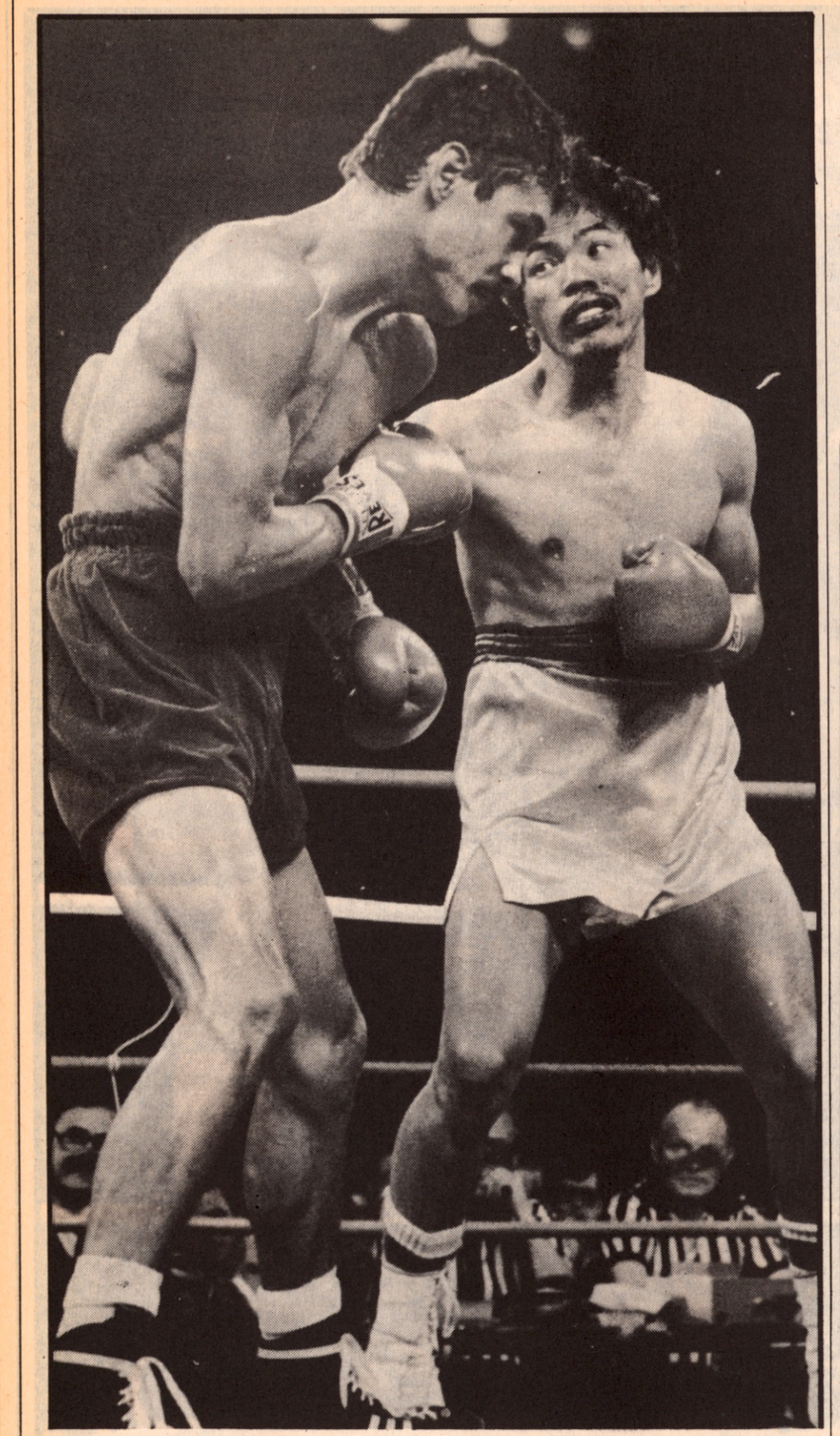
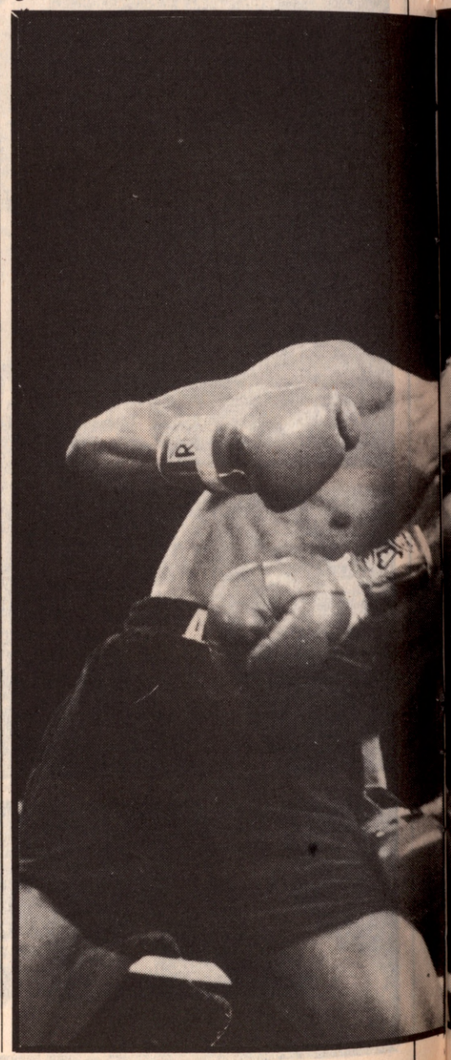
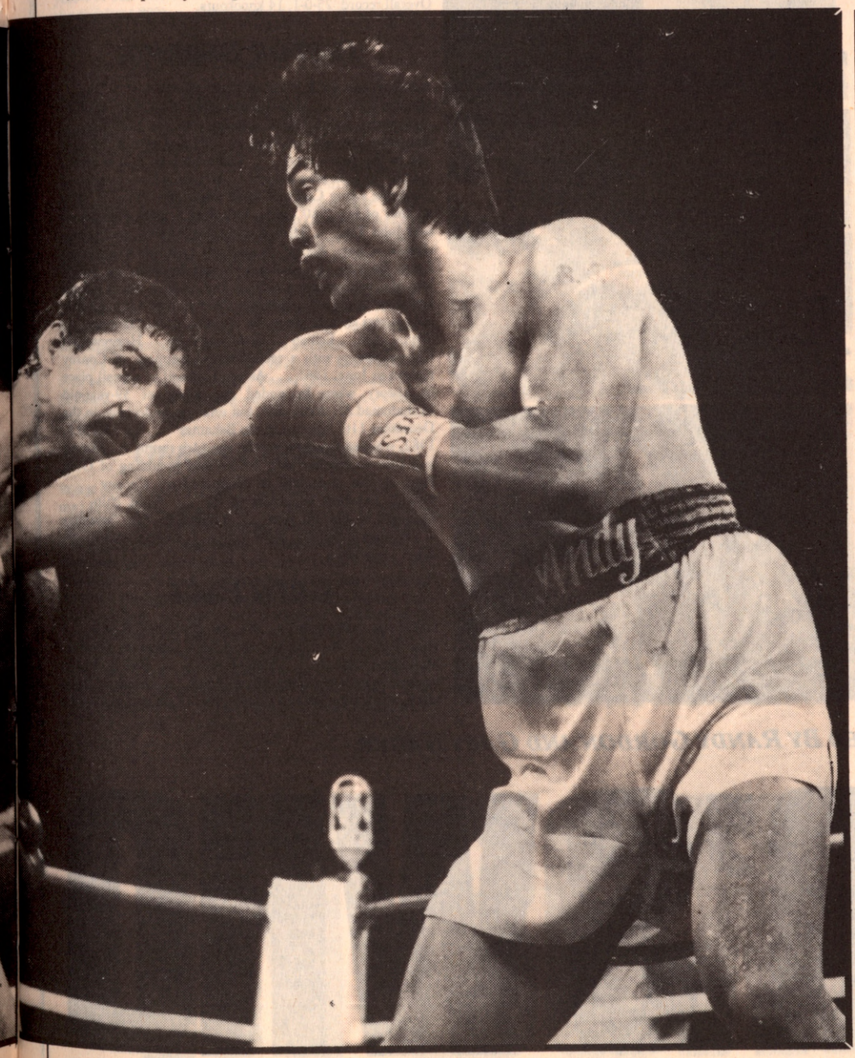


I NEVER WANTED TO WIN ANYTHING AS much as I wanted to win that fight. Not for me. For Dad. I was prepared to reach way down and give every ounce of life in me in exchange for the title. I trained that way. I think I fought that way, too. Only I was in there against Alexis Arguello, who, in my book, is one of the greatest fighters the sport has ever seen. As hard as I fought, Arguello fought back harder. As I turned it on, Arguello stepped up the pace. When I had him hurt, he came back stronger than before. He's just great. And when the fight was over, he did something that made him even greater in my eyes. I was hurt physically. My head throbbed and my insides ached. But the pain was nowhere as great as the disappointment I felt in letting my father down. That's when Arguello showed his true class.



As vicious as Arguello had been in the ring, he became just as nice the moment the fight was over. He came over to me and hugged me. Fighters almost always hug each other after a fight, especially one that hard. But Arguello showed a love and compassion I've never seen in any fighter before. He told me, "Ray, I hope I never have another fight this hard. There is no doubt in my mind you will become a champion. I hit you with shots that have knocked out other men. You had me worried a few times with your strong attack . . . I know how bad you wanted to beat me and win the title for your father. But you and he have nothing to be ashamed about. You fought like a champion because, inside, you are one." He said all of that to me, and more, off camera. He was just as warm on camera. It was not a phony thing.



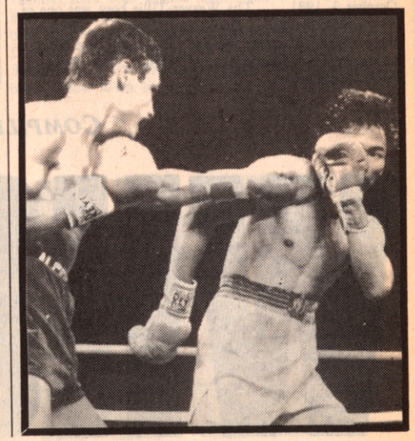
And later, when all the cameras were turned off and all the reporters sat down to write their stories, Arguello came in to see and talk to me again. He also talked to my Mom and Dad. He held their hands.

I've watched Arguello closely since then. Everything he does is with class. He fights with class. He moves with class. He gives interviews with class. He is more of a champion than any man I've ever known or heard about, besides my father.

Arguello is a man to be respected. By the young and old. By the rich and poor. By everybody. Too many young, impressionable sports fans idolize athletes who, quite frankly, have no right being idolized. Their attitude, both on and off the playing field, is not exemplary of what a champion or superstar should be. Arguello is an athlete deserving of being idolized.

I watch him. Study him. Admire him. I will always be proud to say I gave Arguello one of his toughest battles. I hope we can do it again next year. Maybe then I'll be able to say, "I even beat the great Arguello."

Maybe I'll even become the champion he is.



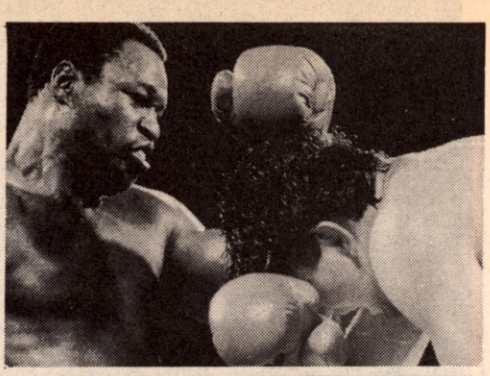
HEAVYWEIGHTS

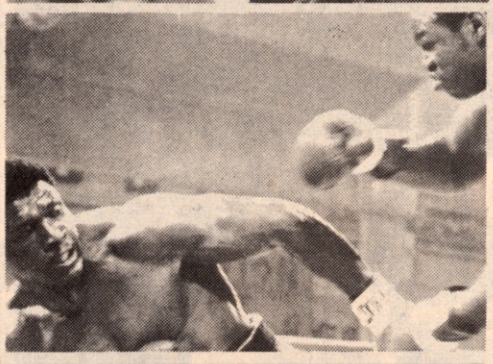
LARRY HOLMES

BORN ON NOVEMBER 3, 1949, IN CUTHBERT GEORGIA . . . Height: 6'3" . . . Reach: 80" . . . Had a 19-3 amateur record . . . Two of the losses were to hard-hitting southpaw Nick Wells and Duane Bobick in the 1972 Olympic Trials . . . Turned professional in March, 1973 with a four-round decision against Rodell Dupree . . . Got his big break on March 25, 1978, when he shut out Earnie Shavers over 12 rounds . . . On June 9, 1978, Holmes won a 15-round decision against Ken Norton, winning Norton's WBC title—one the WBC had taken from Leon Spinks and bestowed on top contender Norton . . . Since that time Holmes has successfully defended his crown 12 times, stopping all but one (Trevor Berbick) challenger . . . Has been floored three times in his career . . . Kevin Isaac did it in November, 1973 . . . Earnie Shavers did it in September, 1979 . . . Renaldo Snipes accomplished the feat in November, 1981 . . . All three did it with right hands . . . Tied with Tommy Burns for divisional record of consecutive knockouts in title fights (8) . . . His .750 knockout percentage is among the highest in heavyweight history . . . In his lone 1982 title defense, stopped Gerry Cooney in the 13th round . . . Resides with his wife, Diane, and their two children in a $500,000 home in Easton, Pa . . Belongs alongside history's great heavyweight champions . . . Overall record: 40-0, 30 knockouts.

MIKE WEAVER

BORN ON JULY 7, 1952, IN GATESVILLE, TEXAS . . . Height: 6'1" . . . Excellent athlete . . . Set many of his high school's records in track and field . . . Also excelled in football and baseball . . . Joined Marines in 1969 . . . Began boxing in the service . . . Was stopped by Howard "KO" Smith in his pro debut, September 14, 1972 . . . Went to 0-2 the next month, dropping a five-round decision in a rematch to Smith . . . Spent his early years as a sparring partner for Ken Norton, who nicknamed him "Hercules" . . . Don Manuel took over as his manager in 1975 . . . At the time, Weaver was 8-6 . . . Stepped in as a last-minute opponent against Stan Ward in January, 1979 and against Leroy Jones seven months later, losing close 12-round decisions to both . . . Stopped Ward in a rematch one year later . . . Was "Mike Who?" when given a title shot against Larry Holmes in June, 1979 . . . Fought gallantly, taking the fight to the champ before being stopped in the 12th round . . . Two subsequent victories catapulted Weaver into a WBA title fight against champion John Tate . . . A single left hook to the chin made Mike a champion with 15 seconds remaining in the fight . . . Has defended the title only twice since then, looking impressive in stopping Gerrie Coetzee in round 13 on October 25, 1980, and winning a decision over sprinter James (Quick) Tillis on October 3, 1981 . . . The Weaver-Tillis bout was one of 1981's most boring . . . Hasn't fought since . . . Has twice had a scheduled bout vs. Randall (Tex) Cobb canceled due to injury (first to Weaver, then to Cobb) . . . Overall record: 24-9, 16 knockouts.





MICHAEL DOKES

BORN ON AUGUST 10, 1958 . . . Height: 6'2" . . . GREW UP IN Akron, Ohio . . . Had an amateur record of 147-7 . . . One of his hobbies is gourmet cooking . . . At age 16, dropped a split-decision to three-time Olympic heavyweight champion Teofilo Stevenson of Cuba . . . Holder of two amateur victories over John Tate, as well as amateur wins against Greg Page and Marvin Stinson . . . In late 1975, lost a close decision to Leon Spinks . . . The loss to Spinks soured him on AAU policy, and he turned pro in January, 1976 . . . Won 18 straight bouts before being held to a 10-round draw by Ossie Ocasio in a boring TV bout . . . Stopped Ocasio in the first round of a rematch less than a year later . . . Has started to live up to his "Dynamite" nickname in his last three bouts with impressive stoppages of British champ John L. Gardner, NABF champ Lynn Ball and Tommy Franco Thomas . . . Knocked Ball down with a straight right thrown so fast that the referee ruled it a slip . . . Fastest heavyweight in the division . . . Fights solely for Don King . . . Is King's heir apparent to Larry Holmes . . . Will probably get a shot at the WBA title before the end of 1982 . . . Managed by Carl King . . . Overall record: 25-0-1, 14 knockouts.

TREVOR BERBICK

BORN IN JAMAICA, WEST INDIES ON AUGUST 1, 1952 . . . Height: 6'2½" . . . Made his pro debut in 1976 . . . Won 11 consecutive fights before running into the hard right of Bernardo Mercado on April 3, 1979 and getting knocked out in the first round . . . Came back with a knockout victory the following month . . . Held to a draw by veteran trialhorse Leroy Caldwell three weeks after that . . . Won all four of his 1980 fights, including a ninth-round kayo over John Tate . . . After an early 1981 victory, was given a chance to play "Rocky" in an April 11th title shot against Larry Holmes . . . Lost a 15-round decision, but ended Holmes' consecutive knockout run in title fights, which had stood at eight . . . Remains the only man out of 12 title challengers to have lasted the distance against Holmes . . . Won the British Commonwealth Heavyweight Championship with a second-round stoppage of Conroy Nelson in June, 1981 . . . Assured himself of a small place in history when he ended the career of 39-year-old Muhammad Ali with a dull, but unanimous decision in the December 11th "Drama in the Bahamas" . . . On March 5, 1982, stopped Gord Racette in the 11th round . . . Moved into title contention with a 10-round pounding of Greg Page on the undercard to Holmes-Gerry Cooney . . . Strong, awkward and hard to hit . . . Solid chin . . . Managed by Donald Kerr . . . Trained by Sam Solomon . . . Resides in Halifax, Nova Scotia . . . Overall record: 24-2-1, 17 knockouts.

GREG PAGE

BORN ON OCTOBER 25, 1958, IN LOUISVILLE, KY . . . ville, Ky . . . Went to the same high school as Cassius Marcellus Clay, Jr. . . . Height: 6'4" . . . Had a 90-11 amateur record, including 55 knockouts . . . Has an 81-inch reach, a snapping jab and a quick, hard right that is among

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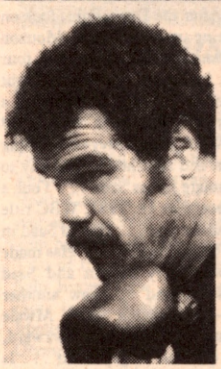
the best in the division . . . His problem stems from the fact he carries too much of Muhammad Ali's boxing traits into the ring . . . He must begin to fight like Greg Page, not Ali . . . Turned pro in 1979 . . . Because of his sterling amateur career, was the first of *Ring's* "New Faces" that year . . . Scored nine straight knockouts until Baltimore's George Chaplin made Page work to earn a decision on 10-round April 5, 1980 . . . Won a second close decision over Chaplin in an August, 1981 rematch . . . Chaplin made "The Louisville Rage" look bad in both fights . . . Has usually weighed in at more than 230 pounds, which may explain his tendency towards fizzling out late in a fight . . . Last May 2, won a unanimous decision over comebacking veteran Jimmy Young to retain his U.S. heavyweight title . . . Page dominated the fight, but couldn't take out the 33-year-old counterpuncher . . . Has told both boxing organizations that he doesn't want a title shot until at least mid-1983 . . . Showed he wasn't ready for a shot in losing a 10-round decision to Trevor Berbick last June 11 . . . In the fight, for which he weighed a career-low 221½ pounds, Page suffered a broken right thumb . . . Ended his career-long relationship with promoter Butch Lewis earlier this year . . . Has one of the highest knockout percentages in the division (.800) . . . Overall record: 19-1, 16 knockouts.

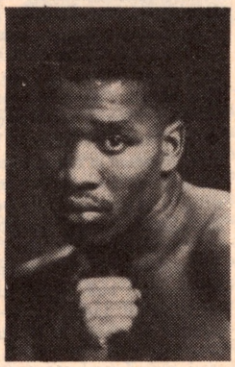
GERRIE COETZEE

BORN: AUGUST 4, 1955, IN BOKSBURG, SOUTH AFRICA . . . Height: 6'3" . . . Had 201-2 amateur record . . . A worldwide boycott of South Africa probably cost Coetzee (pronounced KOAT-see-ah) a shot at Teofilo Stevenson in the 1972 Olympics . . . Has straight-up European style, hard left jab, and potent right cross . . . Suffered a severe break of his right hand in a 1977 fight against Mike Schutte . . . Underwent surgery on the hand to fuse the bones back together . . . The repaired right was dubbed "bionic" following Gerrie's 123 second KO of Leon Spinks in 1979 . . . Has lost two title fights, to Tate (for Muhammad Ali's vacated WBA crown) over 15 rounds in October, 1979, and 1980 shot to Weaver . . . On August 9, 1981 dropped Renaldo Snipes twice only to lose a ten-round verdict universally recognized as the "Worst Decision of the Year" . . . On the comeback trail in 1982, with knockout wins over veterans Leroy Caldwell, Fossie Schmidt, and Scott LeDoux . . . Now fighting out of the U.S. . . . Overall record: 26-3, 16 KOs.

GERRY COONEY

BORN ON AUGUST 24, 1956 . . . RESIDENT OF HUNTINGton, Long Island, New York . . . Won 55 of 57 amateur fights and two New York Golden Gloves titles . . . Stands 6'6" and has an 81-inch reach . . . Converted southpaw . . . Possesses the most gifted left in division—quick and powerful . . . His hook and his left uppercut carry knockout power ... His right, as exposed by Larry Holmes last June 11, is, at best, average . . . Co-managed by Michael R. Jones and Dennis Rappaport . . . Trained by Victor Valle . . . Fastest knockout came on January 14, 1978 against Terry Lee Kidd, who was counted out at :20 of the first round after being nailed by a double hook from "Gentleman Gerry" . . . Has eight first-round knockouts , . . Until June 11, 1982, the farthest Cooney ever went in a fight is eight rounds (twice) . . . June 11th was the night the inexperienced Cooney found out what fighting a champion—and fighting the "championship distance"—is like, as he gamely battled Larry Holmes for the world title . . . Holmes won when Valle jumped into the ring to rescue Cooney from a Holmes onslaught in round 13 . . . The fight will be listed in *The Ring Record Book* as a "KO by 13" in Cooney's record . . . Promises to stay active from now on . . . Overall record: 25-1, 21 knockouts.





JAMES (QUICK) TILLIS

BORN ON JULY 5, 1957, IN TULSA, OKLAHOMA . . . Height: 6'1" . . . Won 92 of 100 amateur fights . . . One of his amateur losses was by split-decision to John Tate . . . Enjoys the sport of "bronco busting" . . . Managed by a group of Chicago businessmen, which calls itself "Quick Associates," headed by James Kaulentis . . . Trained by Angelo Dundee . . . Much of his early pro career was carried on ESPN, when Tillis appeared to be a fast, sharp-punching heavyweight, a la Michael Dokes . . . Lost his only title shot on November 6, 1981, when, despite Dundee's exhortations for him to stop running and fight, Tillis lost a unanimous decision to Mike Weaver . . . Stopped long enough to take out not-too-hot Jerry Williams in the second third round of their fight last March 13 . . . Must be taught leverage for sorely-needed power . . . Was knocked on his face in the ninth round during a 10-round victory against Earnie Shavers last June 11 . . . Lost to Pinklon Thomas in August . . . Overall record: 23-2, 17 knockouts.

RANDALL (TEX) COBB

BORN IN BRIDGE CITY, TEXAS, 27 YEARS AGO . . . RAISED in Abilene, Texas . . . Height: 6'3" . . . Fighting weight: 225 pounds . . . Played football at Abilene Christian University . . . Has been employed as a construction worker, security guard and bouncer . . . Studied kick-boxing for several years . . . Talks as if he studied comedy for years . . . Says, "The only reason I'm boxing is because I'm too lazy to go out and get a real job." . . . Had a role in the Hollywood movie, "The Champ" . . . In the movie, Cobb "kills" the star, Jon Voight . . . Has done much of his recent preparation for bouts in "Smokin' Joe Frazier's Gym" in Philadelphia . . . Had no amateur boxing career . . . Began his professional career with a first-round knockout on January 21, 1977 . . . Knocked out all five opponents that first year . . . Made it nine straight KO's with four more in 1978 . . . Continued his kayo skein with another four in 1979 . . . Had his knockout string snapped when veteran Cookie Wallace went the 10-round distance on May 9, 1980 . . . Went to 18-0 with an eighth-round stoppage of Earnie Shavers on August 2, 1980 . . . Biggest victories have been against Earnie Shavers (KO 8) and Bernardo Mercado (W 10) . . . His two losses came back to back on 10-round decisions to Ken Norton and Michael Dokes . . . In his lone 1982 appearance, stopped Jeff Shelburg . . . After the fight, began preparing for a title bout against WBA heavyweight king Mike Weaver . . .

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Claiming injury, Weaver pulled out of the bout . . . It was re-scheduled for July 25 . . . A 24-stitch gash on his upper lip cancelled the bout a second time . . . Hopes to be back in action before the end of the year . . . Overall record: 21-2, 19 knockouts.

TIM WITHERSPOON

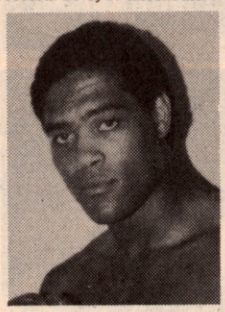
BORN ON DECEMBER 27, 1957 . . . HEIGHT: 6'3" . . . BEST fighting weight: 210 pounds . . . Managed by Slim Robinson . . . Grew up in rough South Philadelphia . . . Began boxing at age of 14 . . . Spent a few semesters at Lincoln University in Missouri . . . Played one season as tight end on football team . . . Became disenchanted with both football and school, quitting to "find something else" . . . Turned pro in 1979 . . . Quickly became known around the gyms in Philadelphia as "Terrible Tim" . . . Knocked out his first two opponents in the opening round . . . Took a 7-0 record into a February, 1981 clash against previously unbeaten Marvin Stinson . . . Witherspoon won on points over 10 rounds . . . Ended a 7-0 1981 by stopping Alfonzo Ratliff in round seven, December 5th . . . Last June 5th, outpointed Renaldo Snipes in controversial win . . . His younger brother, Anthony, is an unbeaten professional light heavyweight . . . "Terrible Tim" has sparred with Gerry Cooney . . . Now says, "Get me Cooney for real!" . . . Overall record: 14-0, 10 knockouts.

RENALDO ("MR.") SNIPES

BORN ON AUGUST 15, 1953, IN HOUSTON, TEXAS . . . Height: 6'2½" . . . Legal name: Reenaold Snipes . . . Raised in Wichita . . . Graduated from Wichita Heights High School in 1971 . . . Moved to Compton, California, after graduation . . . Spent six semesters at Compton Community College ... Returned to Wichita in 1973 . . . Enrolled in Wichita State College, but dropped out after less than one year . . . Had no goal in life until he met the Rev. Jimmie J. Williams in late 1973 . . . Williams, a Pentacostal minister and former boxer in the U.S. Marines, became Snipes' friend and helped the youngster find a purpose and direction in life . . . Amateur record: 63-9 . . . Signed Pat Versace to manage him as a pro in 1978 . . . Turned pro late that year . . . Won both fights in 1978 and all eight of his fights the next year . . . In 1980, Versace sold Snipes' contract to Yonkers, N.Y. businessman Nick Ratteni, Jr., for $1,400 . . . The two are still together . . . Snipes won all eight of his 1980 fights, including an impressive, second-round stoppage of Larry Alexander . . . Ten-round decision victories against Leroy Boone and Jumbo Cummings in early 1981 led Snipes into a 10-round non-title fight against then-WBA light heavyweight king Eddie Mustafa Muhammad . . . A 3-1 underdog, Snipes easily outpointed Muhammad on May 17 . . . On August 9, was dropped twice, but given the 10-round decision against Gerrie Coetzee in White Plains . . . The fight, shown on NBC-TV, was called "Robbery of the Year by *The Ring* Magazine . . . Was rewarded for the victory with a title shot against Larry Holmes . . . Dropped Holmes in the seventh round, only to have Holmes storm back and stop him in round 11 . . . In Snipes' 1982 action, he fought a draw against Scott Frank and was outpointed by Tim Witherspoon . . . Overall record: 22-2-1, 11 knockouts.

PINKLON THOMAS

BORN ON FEBRUARY 10, 1958 . . . HEIGHT: 6'3" . . . Resides in Philadelphia, Pa. with his wife, Cathy, and their son . . . Nickname: "Pinkie" . . . Featured in *Ring's* "New Faces" in the January, 1980 issue . . . Only had three amateur fights, of which he won each one . . . Grew up in Pontiac, Michigan . . . Hung around older youths, who demanded he prove his toughness . . . It led to a drug habit at the age of 12 . . . Despite the drug problem, became the star center on his basketball team . . . Continued his drug habit into his late teens . . . It was then he met his wife, Cathy . . . To help him break the drug habit, Cathy joined the Army to get her husband away from the drug-infested streets of Pontiac . . . Thomas cold-turkeyed his drug problem and turned to the gym, boxing and athletics . . . Runs the 100-yard dash in 9.8 seconds . . . Converted southpaw . . . Unlike most southpaws, can flatten an opponent with either hand . . . In an August, 1980 bout seen on ESPN, Thomas fought Jerry Williams . . . In the first round, Thomas broke his left hand . . . In the second round, broke his right hand . . . Out-feinted and outboxed Williams over 10 rounds to earn a controversial decision . . . In 1982, Thomas has won four fights, three by knockout . . . His biggest victory was an eighth-round technical knockout of James (Quick) Tillis on ABC last August 14th . . . Overall record: 20-0, 17 knockouts.



LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

DWIGHT BRAXTON

BORN: JANUARY 5, 1953 . . . HEIGHT: 5'6¾", WHICH makes him the shortest light heavyweight champion in history . . . Resides in Camden, N.J. . . . Nickname: "The Camden Buzzsaw" . . . Never had an amateur bout, only "a couple of real tough street fights" . . . His rough beginnings led him to a life of crime and a stretch of five years "hard" in Rahway State Penitentiary . . . His older brother (junior middleweight) Tony also served time in Rahway . . . Turned pro in April, 1978 with a six-round draw against Leonard Langley . . . Fought twice more that year, beating Lou Benson and dropping a six-round decision to Johnny Davis . . . After the Davis fight, took on a new management team, signing up with Wesley Mouzon and Quenzell McCall . . . Hasn't lost since, winning four 1979 bouts and six in 1980, including the ESPN Light Heavyweight Title in tournament . . . Began 1981 with a 10-round revenge decision over Davis, then outpointed Bolden, knocked out former WBA light heavyweight king Mike Rossman in round seven and returned to Rahway to win a 10-round verdict over inmate James Scott . . . Took a string of 14 victories into a December 19, 1981, WBC title shot against Matthew Saad Muhammad . . . Halted Saad in the 10th round, one of 1981's biggest upsets . . . Has made two defenses in 1982, stopping Jerry Martin and Saad Muhammad, both in the sixth round . . . Saw another bout—against Lotte Mwale—fall through when Mwale suffered an injury in training . . . Braxton's awkward, crouching style makes him a difficult target to hit . . . Is using his athletic influence in a "Stay-in-School" youth program . . . Overall record: 18-1-1, 11 knockouts.

MICHAEL SPINKS

BORN: JULY 13, 1956 . . . HEIGHT: 6'2" . . . WAS ONE OF five U.S. boxers to win a gold medal in the 1976 Olympics. Is the only one of those five still undefeated in his pro career . . . Turned pro in April, 1977 with a first round knockout . . . Was 6-0 by the end of that first year . . . Went to 7-0 on the undercard of Leon Spinks-Ali I in February of 1978 . . . Fought just twice in the next 20 months as he tried to keep track of Leon, and keep him out of trouble . . . Finally returned to action in November of 1979 . . . Won all five of his 1980 bouts, including impressive knockouts of Ramon Ronquillo and Yaqui Lopez . . . Started off 1981 with KO over Willie "The Bull" Taylor . . . Then scored sensational one-punch knockout of former champ Marvin Johnson in nationally televised bout in March, 1981 . . . The sneaky right uppercut is now known as "the Spinks Jinx" . . . Knocked down WBA Champ Eddie Mustafa Muhammad and went on to win unanimous 15-round decision to become champ on July 18, 1981 . . . Has defended his title four times with impressive kayos of Vonzell Johnson, Murray Sutherland, Mustapha Wasajja and Jerry Celestine . . . Has one of the longest reaches ever in his division (75"), and possesses brutal power in both hands . . . Looks for big money bouts against either one of the Muhammads and/or unification fight against Braxton before moving up to the heavyweight ranks . . . May be one of the few light heavyweights in history with the size and power capable of competing in the heavyweight division . . . Promoted exclusively by Butch Lewis . . . Overall record: 20-0, 14 knockouts.

MATTHEW SAAD MUHAMMAD

BORN IN PHILADELPHIA ON AUGUST 4, 1954 . . . CLOSED the book on his long search to find his family when he met his alleged brothers and sisters last year, who told him his parents were both dead and that his real name was Maxwell Loach . . . Height: 5'11½" . . . Turned pro in 1974 under adopted name Matthew Franklin, name of Philadelphia where he was found . . . Lost in his seventh pro bout to Wayne McGee . . . Drew with McGee three fights later . . . Dropped a controversial 10-round decision to Marvin Camel in the latter's hometown of Missoula, Montana, in October, 1976 . . . His third career loss was to Eddie Mustafa Muhammad (then Eddie Gregory) on March 11, 1977 . . . Dropped Gregory in the first round, but went on to lose a 10-round split decision . . . Became a more aggressive fighter after that, turning his career around . . . In the next two years, knocked out many of the world's top light heavyweights, including Marvin Johnson, Richie Kates and Yaqui Lopez . . . In one of 1979's most brutal wars, he stopped Johnson again (in the eighth round) to win the WBC title on April 22nd . . . Made eight successful title defenses, including seven by knockout before falling to Dwight Braxton on December 19, 1981, in the 10th round . . . Had to lose two pounds the day of the fight . . . Returned to action on April 17, 1982, stopping Pete McIntyre in the second round . . . In a fight billed as "The Liberty Brawl," Saad Muhammad faced Braxton in a rematch last August 7th . . . Braxton halted the ex-champion in the sixth round of what was a one-sided contest for his second-ever knockout loss . . . One of boxing's most exciting light heavyweight champions ever . . . Overall record: 32-5-2, 23 knockouts.

EDDIE MUSTAFA MUHMMAD

BORN EDDIE GREGORY ON APRIL 20, 1952 . . . GREW UP in Brownsville, Brooklyn . . . Height: 6'1½" . . . Won two New York Golden Gloves championships in the welterweight division . . . Turned pro as a junior middleweight in September, 1972 . . . Fought as a middleweight for three years, until dropping a split-decision to Bennie Briscoe . . . Moved into the light heavyweight division in his next fight . . . Proceeded to win nine consecutive fights, knocking out everybody but a man named Matthew (Saad Muhammad) Franklin, whom he beat on a split-decision, March 11, 1977 . . . On November 20, 1977, lost a close decision to Victor

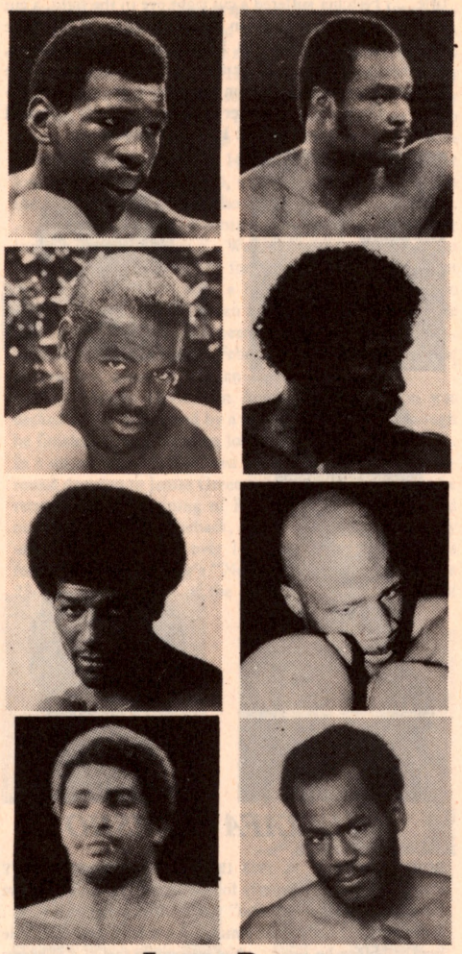
Galindez for the WBA title . . . Won seven consecutive fights before losing a one-sided 12-round decision to James Scott in October, 1978 . . . Came back by winning all six of his fights in 1979 . . . Given a title shot against Marvin Johnson on March 31, 1980, in Knoxville, Tennessee . . . Used his brilliant boxing abilities and some brutal body-punching to win the WBA title on an 11th-round TKO . . . Made two defenses before losing a non-title fight to unbeaten heavyweight Renaldo Snipes on May 17, 1981 . . . Two months later, lost a decision—and his crown—to Michael Spinks . . . Began his quest for a second world title on December 11, when he stopped Mike Harden in the eighth round . . . In his lone 1982 appearance, outpointed Pablo Ramos on the undercard of the Dwight Braxton-Saad Muhammad fight . . . Vows to join Victor Galindez and Marvin Johnson as the only men ever to regain the light heavyweight title . . . Overall record: 40-6-1, 34 knockouts.

S.T. GORDON

BORN APRIL 18, 1959 . . . TRAINED BY HIS FATHER, Chuck Harris . . . Harris was a welterweight before World War II, but after the war never showed the same promise as before . . . "I made up my mind S.T. was going to be a champ some day," Harris said . . . S.T., a la Ray Mancini, was only too happy to oblige . . . According to manager, Edward Butker, S.T. is his real name . . . Whenever Gordon fights he enters the ring accompanied by the theme of "When The Saint comes Marching In" . . . Gordon has never had an amateur fight, but in his first fight in 1975 against highly regarded light heavyweight Alvaro Lopez he lost a close 5-round decision . . . In the early states of his career, suffered the dilemma that plagues so called natural cruiserweights—which divison to fight in . . . "S.T. will never make the 175 limit of the light heavyweights," said Butker, "and he is too small for big guys" . . . Low point of career: disqualified in a fight against Gerry Cooney for not fighting . . . Butker became his manager in 1980 . . . That year Gordon won his four bouts by knockouts . . . Won USBA Cruiserweight title against Henry Terrell, February 10, 1981, with a 6-round KO . . . Had to wait over a year for his WBC Cruiserweight title shot against Carlos De Leon . . . Never stopped training during that time . . . In the second round of their fight held on June 27, in Highland Heights, Ohio, Gordon trapped the champion in the corner of the ring and unleashed 20 unanswered punches to the head of De Leon to become champion of the renegade Cruiserweights . . . Hopes to defend his title against Bashiru Ali later this year, with the winner facing Leon Spinks . . . Miffed at *The Ring* for not recognizing the cruiserweights . . . "We have worked too hard and far too long to be ranked under light heavyweights like Dwight Braxton and Michael Spinks" . . . Overall record: 19-5, 18 knockouts.

EDDIE DAVIS

BORN ON OCTOBER 4, 1951 . . . HEIGHT: 5'10" . . . RESIDES in Freeport, Long Island, New York . . . One of 14 children . . . After a brilliant amateur career, highlighted by two New York Golden Gloves championships and a stoppage of Gerry Cooney, Davis turned pro in September, 1975 . . . His manager at the time was incapable of moving him . . . Despite going unbeaten in his first 11 contests, he was going nowhere . . . His first publicity came when Marvin Johnson stopped him on a severe eye cut caused by a butt in April, 1978 . . . Was off for the next 14 months as he pondered his future . . . Returned in June, 1979, with Dennis Rappaport as his manager . . . As a stablemate of Gerry Cooney, Davis figured to watch his career rapidly take off . . . Such was not the case . . . After winning six fights, Davis was stunned by Pete McIntyre, falling in the second round . . . Seven months later, Davis was back for what he said would be his "final try" . . . Fought four times in 1981, winning three by knockout and one by decision . . . Has won all three of his 1982 fights by knockout, including a June 11th, sixth-round stoppage of Murray Sutherland for the USBA light heavyweight crown . . . With so many of the contenders in the division having already lost in title shots, Davis must now be considered a serious title threat . . . Brother John Davis is also a contender among 175-pounders . . . Strengths: Numbing left hook and just as potent right cross . . . Trained by Jo-Jo Moore . . . Overall record: 23-2-1, 15 knockouts.



JOHN DAVIS

BORN ON AUGUST 6, 1953, IN ROWLAND, NORTH CAROlina . . . Now resides in Hempstead, Long Island, one of 14 children . . . Height: 5'9½" . . . Managed by Charlie Zwerdling and Bob Rosen . . . Trained by disciplinarian Reynolds "Ren" Morgan . . . Moved to Long Island from North Carolina in 1972 . . . Began boxing the following year as an amateur . . . Won the New York Golden Gloves light heavyweight title twice . . . Amateur record: 54-6 . . . Two of those victories were over Gerry Cooney, then a light heavyweight . . . His 1975 victory against Cooney came in the finals of the New York Golden Gloves at Madison Square Garden . . . Hoped to make the 1976 U.S. Olympic team . . . Three close losses to eventual gold medalist and future world champion Leon Spinks dashed those hopes . . . One of the losses was in the Olympic Trials, another in the box-offs . . . Favorite fighters: Sugar Ray Leonard and Muhammad Ali . . . Converted southpaw . . . An avid fight fan . . . Watches every fight he can on television and attends many fights in the New York metropolitan area . . . Received his first national exposure on January 8, 1981, dropping a 10-round decision to Dwight Braxton on ESPN . . . Davis had won the first four rounds of the fight, but was out-of-shape and allowed Braxton to come on strong . . . On November 2, 1978, Davis became the first—and only—man to beat Braxton, outpointing him over six rounds . . . On June 10, 1981, stopped Rick Jester in the third round . . . In January, 1982, Davis outpointed veteran Yaqui Lopez over 10 rounds, dropping him twice during the contest . . . He followed with a 10-round shutout over Willie Taylor . . . Was scheduled to challenge Michael Spinks for the WBA crown early this past summer, but an ankle injury to Davis postponed the bout . . . The ankle is healthy once again, and the fight is scheduled for September 18 . . . Has plans to "go right at Spinks," believing he can win the title . . . Overall record: 13-3, four knockouts.

JAMES SCOTT

BORN OCTOBER 17, 1947 . . . HEIGHT: 6'1" . . . EASIEST fighter in the world to reach—lives in Rahway State Maximum Security Penitentiary . . . Began pro career in Miami Beach in 1974 . . . Won all 10 fights that year . . . Fought once in 1975 before taking up permanent residence at Rahway . . . Pounded his way into the world ratings on October 12, 1978, whipping top contender Eddie Gregory via unanimous 12-round decision . . . Won all five of his fights in 1979 . . . Included were victories against Richie Kates (KO 10), Bunny Johnson (KO 7), Jerry Celestine (W 10) and Yaqui Lopez (W 10) . . . The victory against Lopez gave Scott the vacant U.S. light heavyweight title, as recognized by *The Ring* . . . Lost that crown in his next fight, dropping a 10-round decision to Jerry Martin . . . Because of his incarceration, has little to do but work out . . . Can do 500 pushups in a half-hour and run around the prison yard for one hour without breathing hard . . . After losing to Martin, did not fight for 15 months . . . In his return to action, stopped Lee Royster in the seventh round . . . The following month, in a fight televised by NBC, Scott was outpointed by Dwight Braxton over 10 rounds . . . Has not fought since . . . The question now is, "Will he ever fight again?" . . . Overall record: 19-2-1, 11 knockouts.

CARLOS DELEON

BORN IN RIO PIEDRAS, PUERTO RICO, ON MAY 3, 1959 . . . Managed by "Hones" Bill Daly . . . Solid puncher with both hands . . . Turned pro as a junior welterweight in 1974, shortly after his 15th birthday . . . Fought three times that year in the Virgin Islands, winning all three fights by knockout . . . Stayed active, fighting at least four times a year going into 1980 . . . By that time, he was a full grown light heavyweight who could easily step into another 10 pounds and make them fit comfortably . . . Began his 1980 action with a first round knockout of Waldemar Palino . . . Followed that with an eighth-round stoppage of veteran Mario Rosa . . . With a 29-1-1 record, was given a title shot at boxing's first Cruiserweight champion, Marvin Camel . . . On the undercard to Leonard-Duran II, De Leon chopped by Camel, decisioning him and winning the title . . . In '81 Carlos disposed of Greg Payne with a third round knockout . . . Lost the title by a second-round knockout on June 27, 1982, to S.T. Gordon . . . Overall record: 30-2-1, 22 knockouts.

MARVIN JOHNSON

BORN ON APRIL 12, 1954 . . . RESIDES IN INDIANAPOLIS, Indiana . . . Won the 1972 National Golden Gloves light heavyweight championship . . . As the middleweight representative in the 1972 Olympics, won a bronze medal, being stopped in the semi-finals by Viatchesiav Lemechev of the Soviet Union . . . Turned pro in 1973 . . . Southpaw knocked out his first six opponents . . . Stopped Tom Bethea in four rounds and took a 15-0 log into a bout for the vacant NABF light heavyweight title against Matthew Franklin in July, 1976 . . . In a sensational, see-saw battle, Franklin stopped Johnson in the 12th round . . . Won six of his next seven beating Eddie Davis and Jerry Celestine and dropping an eight-round decision to Lotte Mwale . . . Was given a title shot at WBC champion Mate Parlov in December 1978 . . . Won the crown with a 10th round knockout . . . Lost the title in his next fight against Matthew Saad Muhammad in April 1979 . . . The fight, won by Muhammad on an eighth-round knockout, was one of 1979's top fights . . . Became the second man (Victor Galindez was first) to regain the light heavyweight crown when he stopped Galindez in November 1979 . . . Four months later, lost on an 11th round knockout to Eddie Mustafa Muhammad . . . Stopped in four rounds by Michael Spinks in March 1981 . . . Still a strong knockout puncher . . . Overall record 27-5, 21 knockouts.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

MARVIN HAGLER

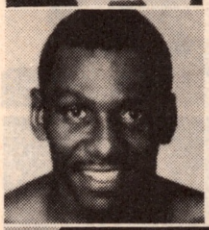
ACCORDING TO A RECENTLY-FOUND BIRTH certificate, Hagler was born in Newark, New Jersey, on May 23, 1954 . . . Previous records have his birthday as May 23, 1952 . . . Recently changed his name to legally read "Marvelous Marvin Hagler" . . . Moved to Brockton, Massachusetts, when he was 17 . . . Height: 5'9½" . . . Won the National AAU middleweight championship in 1973 . . . Managed by Pat and Goody Petronelli . . . Southpaw . . . Won his first major fight in August, 1974, outpointing Ray Seales over 10 rounds . . . Took a 33-0-1 record into a January, 1976 fight against Bobby Watts in Philadelphia . . . Watts won a hometown decision . . . Two months later, he traveled to Philadelphia again, this time to fight Willie Monroe . . . Again Hagler lost a disputed 10-round decision . . . It was the last time he lost . . . In 29 subsequent fights, he has won 28 and fought to one draw (vs. Vito Antuofermo) . . . Of the 28 victories, 25 were by knockout, including two stoppages of Willie Monroe and a quick, dramatic knockout of Bobby Watts on national television . . . After failing to take the title from Antuofermo in November, 1979, he became world champion by halting Alan Minter in the third round, September 27, 1980 . . . Has defended four times, stopping all four challengers . . . On January 17, 1981, Fulgencio Obelmejias was stopped in the eighth round . . . On June 13, 1981, Antuofermo was stopped on cuts in round five . . . Mustafa Hamsho was ripped apart by Hagler on October 3, 1981 and stopped in round 11 . . . Caveman Lee fell in a divisional record 67 seconds last February 7 . . . Had a May, 1982 multi-million dollar date against Thomas Hearns fall through when Hearns injured a finger . . . Then had a July 15, 1982 defense Fulgencio Obelmejias postponed after suffering a broken rib in a sparring session against Bobby Watts . . . Overall record: 54-2-2, 45 knockouts.

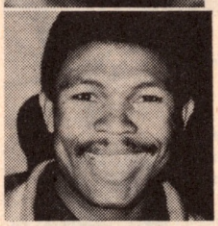
TONY SIBSON

BORN ON APRIL 9, 1958 . . . RESIDES IN LEICHESTER, England . . . Turned pro on his 18th birthday . . . Was 9-0 that first year, and 10-0-1 in 1977 . . . Lost his first fight when world-class light heavyweight Lotte Mwale knocked him out in the first round on October 23, 1978 . . . Has lost only two of 23 subsequent fights, both on points (to Ed Smith in 1978 and to Kevin Finnegan in 1979) . . . Won the European Middleweight Title in December, 1980, stopping Matteo Salvemini in round seven . . . Retained the crown three times in 1981, beating Andoni Amana, former world middleweight champion Alan Minter and Nicola Cirelli . . . Put himself in line for a shot against Marvelous Marvin Hagler by whipping Dwight Davison over 12 rounds on NBC-TV last February . . . Overall record: 46-3-1, 25 knockouts.

FRANK "THE ANIMAL" FLETCHER

BORN ON MAY 7, 1954 . . . HEIGHT: 5'7" . . . AMATEUR RECord: 12-2 . . . Managed by Marty Feldman . . . Trained by the Reverend Alvin Thompson . . . Southpaw . . . Turned pro in 1976 . . . During his first three years as a pro, compiled a lackluster 4-2-1 record . . . Earned $900 during that time . . . Then, along came the 24-hour cable network, ESPN, and the tournament they were televising . . . Fletcher won four consecutive fights, three by knockout, on the way to winning ESPN's middleweight title . . . Following the tournament, Fletcher halted hard-hitting Sammy NeSmith in the third round in one of 1980's top fights . . . Had a big year in 1981, winning four fights, three by the KO route . . . Among his victims were Norberto Sabater and Ernie Singletary . . . Fletcher suffered severe eye cuts in the eighth-round stoppage of Singletary on August 31, 1981 . . . His next fight took place on February 28, 1982, when he outpointed Tony Braxton over 12 rounds, retaining his USBA middleweight title . . . Fletcher suffered a cut right eye in the fight, a cut which kept him out of action for four months . . . On June 20, he again defended his USBA middleweight crown, outpointing Clint Jackson over 12 rounds . . . The Sabater, Braxton and Jackson fights were shown on NBC-TV . . . Once again, Fletcher suffered a severely lacerated right eye . . . Overall record: 15-2-1, 10 knockouts.





MUSTAFA HAMSHO

BORN OCTOBER 10, 1953 IN SYRIA . . . MANAGED BY Paddy Flood . . . Formerly fought under the names "Mike Estafire," "Mike Hamsho" and "Rocky Estafire" . . . Southpaw . . . Continually makes the most from what little boxing ability he has . . . Not extremely fast . . . Throws many roundhouse punches . . . No defensive wizard . . . Prone to cuts . . . Not a paralyzing puncher . . . However, few fighters have as much drive, determination and heart . . . Will maul and tire his opponent out . . . Extremely strong . . . Solid chin . . . Busy . . . Hamsho's only loss came on decision in his first pro fight to light heavyweight Pat Cuillo . . . Took a 32-1-2 record into an October 3, 1981 title bout against "Marvelous Marvin" Hagler . . . Displayed toughness far beyond the call of duty as Hagler ripped open cuts around both of Hamsho's eyes before pounding him to defeat in the 11th round . . . The cuts required nearly 50 stitches . . . Has won two fights in 1982 . . . Overall record: 34-1-2, 21 knockouts.

FULGENCIO OBELMEJIAS

BORN OUTSIDE CARACAS, VENEZUELA, ON NEW YEAR'S Day, 1953 . . . Going into 1981, had a reputation as being the "Bully" of the division . . . Was undefeated in 30 fights . . . He had knocked out 28 of those opponents . . . Between April, 1978 and June, 1980, he had knocked out 19 consecutive opponents . . . Then, on January 17, 1981, he challenged Marvin Hagler for the middleweight title in Boston . . . Hagler stopped him in round eight . . . Claimed to have had a severe cold in that fight, rendering him ineffective against Hagler . . . Rebounded from the Hagler loss with five knockouts in 1981 . . . One of those stoppages was against former world junior middleweight king Eddie Gazo, whom he stopped in round two, the other against then-highly regarded (if only by the WBA) Chong-Pal Park of Korea, whom Obelmejias kayoed in round eight . . . The 1982 Ring Record Book is missing one of Obelmejias' fights—a third-round knockout of James Waire in Campeone De' Italia . . . Overall record: 36-1, 34 knockouts.

THOMAS HEARNS

BORN ON OCTOBER 18, 1958 . . . HEIGHT: 6'1" . . . REACH: 78" . . . Resides just outside of Detroit, Michigan . . . Nicknames: "The Motor City Cobra" and "Hit Man" . . . Amateur record: 155-8, with only 12 knockouts . . . Turned pro in 1977 . . . Was taught leverage by manager/trainer Emanuel Steward . . . The result has been one of the highest knockout percentages in the history of the welterweight division . . . Kayoed his first 17 opponents, the best start of any welterweight champion . . . Won the crown (WBA version) with a second-round knockout of Pipino Cuevas . . . Successfully defended the title three times in 10 months . . . Was voted by The Ring as 1980's "Fighter of the Year" . . . Fought Sugar Ray Leonard for the undisputed title on September 16, 1981, at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas . . . Going into the 14th round, Hearns was ahead on the three official's scorecards . . . Leonard hurt Hearns midway through the 14th round with a right, then battered him in a neutral corner, prompting referee Davey Pearl to stop the fight . . . Moved up to middleweight poundage in his next fight, outpointing Ernie Singletary on December 11, 1981 . . . On February 27, 1982, stopped shaky veteran Marcos Geraldo in the first round . . . Was scheduled to challenge Marvin Hagler for the middleweight crown in May, but a broken finger shelved that fight . . . Returned to action on July 25th, halting previously unbeaten Jeff McCracken . . . The Geraldo and McCracken fights were shown live on CBS . . . The fight Hearns is looking for is a title showdown against WBC junior middleweight king Wilfred Benitez . . . Overall record: 35-1, 32 knockouts.

(SUGAR) RAY SEALES

BORN ON APRIL 9, 1952 . . . RESIDES IN TACOMA, WASHington . . . Represented the United States as a light welterweight on the 1972 Olympic team . . . Won all five of his fights by decision on the way to capturing a gold medal at those Games, the only American to do so . . . Turned pro in January, 1973 . . . Unlike most pro debutants, Seales went eight rounds for victory number one . . . Five months later, won his first 10-round decision . . . During that first year, won 13 consecutive fights . . . Stretched his unbeaten run to 20 before dropping a 10-round decision to young middleweight prospect Marvin Hagler in August, 1974 . . . After a tuneup three weeks later, Seales was rematched against Hagler on November 26th . . . Held Hagler to a 10-round draw in Seattle . . . Lost one of seven fights in 1975, that a 10-round decision to Eugene Hart in Atlantic City . . . Came back with five straight victories before being stopped by Alan Minter in December, 1976 . . . Three months later, saw his middleweight title hopes fall apart as he was easily outpointed over 10 rounds by then-unbeaten Ronnie Harris . . . Persistent, Seales fought his way back into the middleweight picture by going undefeated in his next 16 bouts, a span of 17 months . . . Was outpointed over 10 rounds by Ayub Kalule in November, 1978 . . . Following the loss to Kalule, Seales hit bottom as he was stopped by Marvin Hagler in the first round, February 3, 1979 . . . In his only other fight during the year, drew over 12 rounds with Mike Colbert . . . After two knockout victories in 1980, dropped a close decision to contender Dwight Davison in May . . . Has rebounded with five consecutive victories, including two as of this writing in 1982 . . . Overall record: 52-7-3, 29 knockouts.

JAMES GREEN

BORN ON FEBRUARY 15, 1958 . . . HEIGHT: 5'5" . . . SHORTest middleweight contender in many years . . . Managed by Lou Duva . . . Trained by Bill Ryan . . . Nickname: "Hardrock" . . . Most underrated middleweight in the division . . . Won 27 of 31 amateur fights . . . Included was

a championship in the 1980 New Jersey Golden Gloves . . . He was also a runner-up in the 1980 National AAU tournament . . . Solid chin . . . Deceivingly fast hands . . . Crushing power in both fists . . . Turned pro in November, 1980 . . . Knocked his opponent out that night in the opening round . . . On April 22, 1981, fighting in his fifth pro bout and with a heavy chest cold, Green dropped Robbie Sims in the first round before losing a close decision over eight rounds . . . Wants Sims in a rematch . . . Has fought eight times on ESPN and another two times on NBC-TV . . . Owns victories over Teddy Mann (W 10), Wilford Scypion (W 10) and Mario Maldonado (W 8) . . . Has stopped four opponents in the first round and three in the second . . . Can fight at either junior middleweight or middleweight poundage . . . Overall record: 15-1, nine knockouts.

BERNARD MAYS

BORN ON APRIL 18, 1960, IN DETROIT, MICHIGAN . . . Height: 5'10" . . . Reach: 70" . . . As a youth, was a fine basketball player, but was even better on a pair of roller skates . . . Also is an avid fisherman . . . At the age of 10, watched a cousin of his box . . . Quickly, Mays fell in love with the sport . . . In the same gym he saw his cousin box, Mays met Chuck Davis, and the two have been together ever since, with Davis serving as Mays' manager . . . As an amateur, Mays won 98 out of 100 bouts, collecting three Ohio State Fair National Junior Championships . . . Trained by Hubert Canady . . . Mays currently makes his home in Southfield, Michigan . . . His two favorite fighters are Sugar Ray Robinson and Joe Louis . . . Turned pro in December, 1979 . . . Won the fight by second-round knockout . . . Added 10 more victories to his record in 1980 . . . His 1981 record shows eight victories and one draw, that coming against Ted Sanders on December 12th in a very close fight . . . In a fight seen on NBC, Mays outpointed Lamont Lovelady over 10 rounds last March 20th . . . Overall record: 20-0-1, 12 knockouts.

DWIGHT DAVISON

BORN ON MARCH 18, 1955 . . . HEIGHT: 6'1" . . . RESIDES in Detroit, Michigan . . . Turned pro in 1977 . . . . Has a long, effective jab, but uses it sparingly . . . His right cross is powerful . . . Dropped solid-chinned Wilford Scypion with it in August, 1981 . . . Fights as if uninspired . . . Lazy in the ring . . . Fights as hard as he has to . . . Biggest wins are against Willie Monroe, Ray Seales, Curtis Parker and Wilford Scypion, all of whom he decisioned over 10 rounds . . . Also stopped Murray Sutherland in the first round in 1978 . . . In his lone 1982 appearance, suffered a broken hand in a dreary, 12-round decision loss to Tony Sibson . . . Overall record: 32-2, 23 knockouts.

ALEX RAMOS

BORN ON JANUARY 17, 1961 . . . HEIGHT:5'10" . . . WON four New York Golden Gloves titles on the way to a 143-9 amateur record . . . Included were 92 knockouts . . . Managed by New York rock n' roll impressario Shelly Finkel . . . Trained by former middleweight contender George Benton . . . May have the most devastating power in either fist in the middleweight division . . . His jab is possibly the hardest the division has seen in years . . . A standup boxer/puncher who wastes no energy in the ring . . . Has an extremely tight defense . . . Would rather an opponent come right at him than run from him, as runners have given him problems in the past . . . A tremendous body puncher . . . . . Born and raised in the Bronx, N.Y. . . . Now lives in Philadelphia and trains daily at Joe Frazier's Gym . . . Nickname: "The Bronx Bomber," derived from the fact Ramos is an avid New York Yankee fan . . . Ramos' good looks have already landed him several advertisements and commercials . . . Turned pro in November, 1980, halting Steve Arvin in the fifth round . . . Appeared in *Ring*'s February, 1981 issue as one of its "New Faces" . . . At the time he was 2-0 . . . Overall record: 15-1, 10 knockouts.

WILFORD SCYPION

BORN ON JULY 18, 1958 . . . HEIGHT: 5'11" . . . AMATEUR record: 206-11 . . . Co-managed by Michael R. Jones and Howard Parham . . . Raised in Port Arthur Texas . . . A playful character outside the ring, a fighting machine when at best inside the ring . . . Has recently split with trainer Victor Valle and returned to his original trainer, Kenny Weldon . . . Solid chin . . . Tremendous legs when in top shape . . . Excellent jab . . . Throws picturesque combinations . . . Won first 14 fights by knockout . . . Lone loss came on June 15, 1980, when he was shoved through the ropes by Mustafa Hamsho in the 10th and final round . . . Hurt and unable to continue, Scypion was ruled the loser by disqualification . . . Wants Hamsho in a rematch as badly as he wants to fight for the title . . . Nearly quit boxing in late 1979 after a beating he administered to Willie Classen caused Classen to lapse into a coma and die several days later . . . Has been floored twice as a pro . . . Against Jerome Jackson in February, 1980, Scypion hit the canvas, but arose to win an eight-round decision . . . Against Dwight Davison in August, 1981, Scypion was decked in the first round by a powerful right . . . Although he finished strong, Scypion lost the 10-round decision . . . In a major upset on NBC last Scypion dropped a close 10-round decision to James Green . . . It was after this fight he returned to the training of Kenny Weldon . . . Looked outstanding in his comeback, easily outpointing previously unbeaten Mark Frazie over 10 rounds on NBC . . . This former member of *Ring*'s "New Faces" currently sports a 23-3 record, with 18 of the victories coming by way of knockout or stoppage.

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS

WILFRED BENITEZ

BORN SEPTEMBER 12, 1958, IN THE BRONX . . . NOW resides in San Justo, Puerto Rico . . . Height: 5'10" . . . Was 15 when he made his pro debut in San Juan as a lightweight . . . Had just turned 16 when he debuted in New York's Felt Forum . . . Lied to the New York State Athletic Commission and told them he was 18 in order to obtain a license . . . Had his best year in 1974, when he was 12-0 with nine knockouts . . . Early error by newsmen established his name as "Wilfredo" . . . The name stuck until November, 1979, when he fought Sugar Ray Leonard . . . Before that bout, Benitez let it be known his name was "Wilfred," not "Wilfredo" . . . One of the most gifted boxers of all time . . . Rarely trains more than two weeks for any fight . . . Became the youngest champion in history when he defeated Antonio Cervantes for the junior welterweight title in March, 1975 . . . Benitez was 17½ at the time . . . Became the youngest welterweight champion in history when he decisioned Carlos Palomino in January, 1979 . . . Made one successful defense before losing to Sugar Ray Leonard on a 15th-round TKO, November 30, 1979 . . . Won three bouts in 1980 . . . Became the youngest junior middleweight champion in history, when, at 22, he kayoed reigning champion Maurice Hope in the 12th round . . . Has fought only once in 1982, that a 15-round decision against Roberto Duran last January 30th . . . Co-managed by Jim Jacobs and Bill Cayton, who have Benitez under a managerial contract until 1984 . . . Trained by Gregorio Benitez, his father . . . Is soon to defend his title against Thomas Hearns . . . Overall record: 41-1-1, 26 knockouts.

TONY AYALA, JR.

BORN ON FEBRUARY 13, 1963 . . . HEIGHT: 5'7" . . . Amateur record: 140-8, 60 knockouts . . . Lost his last bout when he was eight years old . . . Resides in San Antonio, Texas . . . Managed by Tony Ayala, Sr., Lou Duva and Shelly Finkel . . . Trained by Tony, Sr. . . . Nicknamed "Torito," or the "Baby Bull" . . . No bull is as vicious as Ayala in the ring . . . His style is awesome . . . A complete, two-fisted fighter . . . His hook and right cross may be the best in the division . . . Ayala's body attack is next to none . . . Since March, 1981, when Mario Maldonado floored him, Ayala has tightened his defense, making him a complete, world-class fighter . . . Has become a difficult target to hit with right hands, where once upon a time it was easy . . . Turned pro in 1980 . . . Won seven fights that first year . . . Added eight more victories in 1981 . . . Has won six fights so far in 1982, with only Curtis Ramsey having lasted the 10-round distance . . . Mike Baker (1980) and Nicanor Camacho (1981) were the only other two men who lasted the distance against Ayala . . . Has stopped six opponents in the first round . . . At press time was in training for a late autumn meeting against Roberto Duran . . . Overall record: 21-0, 18 knockouts.

DAVEY MOORE

BORN JUNE 9, 1959, IN THE SOUTH BRONX, NEW YORK . . . Height: 5'10" . . . Was an honor student in high school, maintaining grades of 90 and better . . . Starred in track, wrestling and karate in school . . . In 1974, walked into the Morrisania Youth Center in the Bronx and immediately fell in love with boxing . . . It was there he met the Center's boxing instructor, Leon Washington . . . The two are still together today, with Washington in the role of Moore's manager and trainer . . . One of only four men to win four consecutive New York Golden Gloves titles, doing so from 1976-1979 . . . Amateur record: 96-6 . . . Lost in the 1980 Olympic Trials to Donald Curry via decision . . . As one of "Tommorow's Champions," turned pro on November 1, 1980, on NBC-TV . . . Beat Chu Chu Salcedo that day on decision over six rounds . . . Won his first three fights by decision . . . Since then, has stopped eight opponents in a row, including Tony Suero (KO 4) and Josef Nsubuga (KO 1) . . . Without having ever beaten one world-rated junior middleweight, the 8-0 Moore was placed as the number 10 contender in the November, 1981 WBA junior middleweight ratings . . . The obvious was about to happen . . . A few days after being rated, Moore signed to fight WBA junior middleweight king Tadashi Mihara . . . On Moore knocked out Mihara in the sixth round . . . Defended against Charlie Weir in Johannesburg on April . . . In front of 55,000 partisan fans, Moore, the underdog, dropped Weir twice in the second, once in the third, twice more in the fourth and a final time in round five for the victory . . . On July 17, made his successful defense, halting former WBA champion Ayub Kalule in the ninth round . . . The fight, seen live on ABC-TV, was one of the year's best action bouts . . . Looks for an easy defense to end 1982 before

taking on Tony Ayala, Jr., in early 1983 . . . One of Ring's former "New Faces," Moore's overall record is currently 11-0, eight knockouts.

AYUB KALULE

BORN ON JANUARY 6, 1954 IN UGANDA . . . HEIGHT: 5'8" . . . Southpaw . . . Manged by Mogens Palle . . . Won the world amateur light-welterweight championship in 1974 . . . Currently resides in Copenhagen, Denmark . . . Turned pro in 1976 . . . Won five fights during the year . . . Added nine more in 1977, including victories over former junior middleweight champions Jose Luis Duran and Elisha Obed . . . In addition to winning 11 fights in 1978, including impressive victories against Ray Seales and Kevin Finnegan, Kalule captured the British Commonwealth Middleweight Crown with a fourth-round knockout of Al Korovou . . . After adding five more victories onto his record in 1979, was given a shot at the world title against unbeaten Masashi Kudo . . . Won the crown with a 15-round decision . . . Made one successful defense that year, outpointing Steve Gregory . . . Followed with successful defenses against Emiliano Villa (KO 12), Marijan Benes (W 15) and Bushy Bester (W 15) . . . After an early 1981 tuneup against Pat Hallacy, Kalule put his title and 36-0 record on the line against Sugar Ray Leonard in Houston . . . In one of the year's top fights, Kalule lost his crown when the referee stopped the fight with one-second remaining in the ninth round . . . Won two fights in 1982 before challenging Davey Moore for the WBA junior middleweight crown on July 17th . . . In one of the year's top fights, Moore halted Kalule in the 10th round . . . Overall record: 40-2, 19 knockouts.

CHARLIE WEIR

BORN ON NOVEMBER 26, 1956 . . . RESIDES IN KIMBERley, South Africa . . . Nicknamed the "Silver Assassin" because of the natural silver lock of hair on his head and because of his tremendous punching power . . . Turned pro in 1977 . . . In only his third fight, knocked out highly-regarded Bushy Bester in the opening round, his third consecutive third-round stoppage . . . Halted by Joseph Hali in his eighth fight . . . Hali fell in round two of their rematch . . . Was stopped in the eighth round by Elijah Makhathini in April, 1979 . . . Rebounded from that loss by knocking out his next 13 consecutive opponents . . . After a March, 1982, first-round stoppage of Clemente Tshinza, challenged Davey Moore for the WBA junior middleweight title . . . Weir was dropped six times on his way to a fifth-round TKO loss . . . Biggest victories were over Kevin Finnegan (KO 7), Mike Colbert (W 10) and Mike Baker (W dis. 5) . . . Overall record: 29-3, 26 knockouts.

GARY GUIDEN

BORN AUGUST 24, 1955 . . . HEIGHT: 5'9" . . . AMATEUR Record: 68-14 . . . Managed by Chris McIntosh . . . Turned pro in April, 1975 . . . During the first 12 months of his career, fought 13 times . . . Had his best year, statistically, in 1978, when he stopped all seven men he faced . . . Won 15 fights in a row between May, 1976 and February, 1979 . . . Made the mistake of fighting as a middleweight in 1979 . . . Lost three of his four fights that year . . . Dropped back down to junior middleweight in 1980 after a talk with his wife ("It's either take this sport seriously or get out," he told her) . . . Has knocked out or stopped all 10 men he has faced since losing to Curtis Parker in November, 1979 . . . Halted six men in 1981 . . . Included was a fourth-round stoppage of Odell Leonard for the USBA Junior Middleweight Title . . . His two 1982 fights have been shown on ESPN . . . One was fifth-round stoppage of Sandy Torres, the other a fourth-round TKO of Sean Mannion in defense of the USBA 154-pound crown . . . Overall record: 38-5, 34 knockouts.

ROBERTO DURAN

BORN ON JUNE 16, 1951, OUTSIDE PANAMA CITY, Panama . . . Height: 5'7" . . . Managed by Carlos Eleta . . . From the ghettos of Panama he came to be recognized as one of the greatest of all lightweight champions . . . Won the title from Ken Buchanan in June, 1972 . . . Never lost the championship . . . Among his divisional records as a lightweight champion are: Most title defenses (12); Most consecutive knockouts in title defenses (10); Most knockouts in title defenses (11); and longest reign as champion (five years, seven months) . . . Fine welterweight, but not as devastating as he was as a lightweight . . . His two biggest welterweight victories were over Carlos Palomino and Sugar Ray Leonard, from whom he won the welterweight crown on June 20, 1980, in Montreal, Canada . . . Lost the title back to Leonard on November 25, 1980, when he said "No Mas" and quit in the eighth round . . . Returned to action nine months later as a junior middleweight, outpointing Nino Gonzalez over 10 rounds . . . The following month, was impressive in decisioning Italy's Luigi Minchillo in a tough fight over 10 rounds . . . On January 30, 1982, challenged Wilfred Benitez for the WBC junior middleweight title . . . Benitez outboxed Duran over the 15-round route . . . Benitez may have been the only junior middleweight capable of outboxing Duran that night, as "Manos de Piedra" looked to be in excellent shape physically, mentally and technically . . . Vastly underrated as a boxer . . . May face undefeated Tony Ayala, Jr. within the next six months . . . A victory propels him into a junior middleweight title fight . . . A defeat will probably end his career . . . But first he must get past former British welterweight king Kirkland Laing, whom he was scheduled to face on ESPN as we went to press . . . Overall record: 73-3, 55 knockouts.

CLINTON JACKSON

BORN ON MAY 20, 1954 . . . HEIGHT: 5'1" . . . SOUTHPAW . . . Raised in Evergreen, Alabama . . . Currently resides in Nashville, Tennessee . . . One of the most decorated amateur fighters in history . . . Amateur record: 191-15, 140 knockouts . . . Managed by Nashville attorney Stan Allen . . . Turned pro on August 3, 1979, with intentions of fighting as a welterweight, junior middleweight and middleweight . . . Dreamed of winning a title in each division . . . Appeared in Ring's "New Faces" in November, 1979 . . . At the time he was 2-0 . . . Won all four of his fights in 1979 and all five in 1980 . . . Included were stoppages over veterans Jimmy Heair, Ray Hammond and Mauricio Aldana . . . Jackson took personal problems with him into a May 7, 1981, bout against Tony Braxton . . . The fight, which was shown on ESPN, was won by Braxton on a ninth-round technical knockout . . . Got some measure of revenge on September 8, 1981, when he outpointed Bruce Johnson, who had decisioned Braxton two months earlier . . . Was 6-1 in 1981 . . . Ended the year on December 17th with an impressive, one-sided beating of hard-hitting Mario Maldonado, stopping him in the eighth round . . . Had three successive knockouts in early 1982 before attempting to move into the middleweight division against top contender Frank Fletcher . . . On June 20, 1982, Fletcher and Jackson mixed it up for 12 rounds in one of the year's most exciting fights . . . Jackson weakened in the final rounds and was unable to keep the rough middleweight from doing as he pleased . . . Fletcher won the NBC-TV'er by decision . . . Jackson announced afterwards that he would concentrate on fighting from now on only as a junior middleweight . . . Overall record: 18-2, 15 knockouts.

MIKE McCALLUM

BORN ON DECEMBER 7, 1956 . . . HEIGHT: 5'11½" . . . BEST fighting weight: 154 pounds . . . Amateur record: 240-10 . . . Native of Kingston, Jamaica . . . Moved to Canada to live with a relative when he was a teenager . . . Represented Jamaica in the 1976 Olympics as a welterweight . . . Won two decisions in those Games before dropped a controversial 3-2 verdict to Reinhard Skricek of Germany in the quarter-finals . . . Moved from Canada to Nashville, Tennessee, where he fought for Clint Jackson and the Sheriff's Department for awhile . . . Managed by Joe Giannini . . . Turned pro in 1981 . . . Fought 11 times that year, winning all by knockout . . . Has fought twice in 1982, adminstering knockout drops to each opponent . . . A perfectly-conditioned fighting machine . . . Throws any punch effortlessly with power and speed . . . A sharpshooter . . . Works the body as often as he works on an opponent's head . . . Has worn out most of his victims . . . Defensively, only Wilfred Benitez may be better among the world's junior middleweights . . . Expects to make his move toward the top by mid-1983 . . . A late-1983 title bout is imminent . . . Overall record: 13-0, 13 knockouts.

WELTERWEIGHTS

SUGAR RAY LEONARD

BORN RAY CHARLES LEONARD ON MAY 17, 1956 IN WILmington, North Carolina . . . Height 5'10" . . . Reach 74" . . . Began fighting as an amateur at 14 . . . Won 145 out of 150 amateur bouts, 75 by knockout . . . Won a gold medal at the Pan American Games in 1975 . . . Beat Cuban veteran Andres Aldama for the 140-pound title at the Olympic Games in 1976 . . . February, 1977 he turned pro . . . Won six fights that first year . . . Won twenty more in 1978 and '79 . . . November 30, 1979 he beat Wilfred Benitez for the welterweight title . . . Other big victories against Armando Muniz (KO 6), Adolfo Viruet (W 10), Marcos Geraldo (W 10), Tony Chiaverini (KO 4), Pete Ranzany (KO 4), Andy Price (KO 1), Roberto Duran (KO 8 to regain welterweight title) and Ayub Kalule (KO 9 for the junior middleweight title) . . . Knocked out Thomas Hearns in "The Showdown" September 16, 1981 . . . Voted by *Ring* as "Fighter of the Year" in 1979 and 1981 . . . Opened 1982 by stopping Bruce Finch (KO 3) . . . Discovered detached retina a few weeks before fight with Roger Stafford . . . Immediate operation was successful . . . Decision on his future is still a question . . . Recently selected by Ring's 50 international panelists as the best fighter in the world . . . Overall record: 32-1, 23 knockouts.

MILTON (ICEMAN) McCRORY

BORN: FEBRUARY 7, 1962 . . . HEIGHT: 6'1" . . . AMATEUR Record: 105-15, 30 knockouts . . . Managed by Emanuel Steward . . . Once known as chief sparring partner for Tommy Hearns . . . Now ranks with the "Hitman" as the #1 Kronk team attraction . . . Sets up potent right with held-low left, a la Hearns . . . Steward has said that McCrory hits harder than Hearns . . . Turned pro in 1980 . . . Fought 16 times with 16 knockouts in 1980-81 . . . Has vaulted to the top of the welterweight rankings with three big 1982 wins . . . First, Milton sliced up long-time top-10 welter Randy Shields on January 23rd in Detroit . . . The Californian had been 13 with Hearns before being stopped on cuts and had gone a full 10 rounds with Sugar Ray Leonard . . . Chillin' Milton was then taken the 10-round distance for the first time in his career in his next outing, a lopsided April 22nd verdict in Detroit over another top Californian, Pete Ranzany . . . Now Milton is the undisputed #1 welterweight contender after a surprisingly easy 10-round win over highly-regarded Roger Stafford on July 10th in Phoenix, Arizona . . . The "Iceman" had Stafford hurt and nearly ready to go in the eighth round when he injured his finishing hand, the right . . . McCrory fought well enough one-handed to hold off a 10th round Stafford onslaught for the decision . . . Looks to be Leonard's successor as 147-pound champion . . . Overall record: 19-0, 17 KOs.

DONALD CURRY

BORN ON SEPTEMBER 7, 1961 . . . HEIGHT: 5′ 10½″ . . . Began boxing at the age of eight . . . Won more than 400 fights as an amateur . . . Lost only four . . . Last loss as an amateur was to Ronnie Shields when Curry was 16 . . . Won championships in the National Golden Gloves in 1980 and in the World Cup the same year . . . Beat Davey Moore on points in the 1980 Olympic Trials . . . Donald's brother Bruce and half-brother Graylin are also active fighters . . . Graylin is a junior middleweight . . . Bruce is a junior welterweight . . . Donald turned pro in December, 1980 . . . Managed by David Gorman . . . Trained by Paul Reyes . . . Nickname: "The Cobra" . . . Turned pro on December 26, 1980, stopping Marty Tenio in the first round in Las Vegas . . . The 1982 *Ring Record Book* is missing that victory . . . Added nine more victories in 1981 . . . Only Curtis Ramsey was able to last the distance, doing so over 10 rounds on November 26th . . . Has had a big year in 1982 . . .

ROGER STAFFORD

BORN IN 1954 . . . LIVES IN PHILADELPHIA . . . TURNED pro in 1977 . . . Lost twice on decision early in his career—to Al Fletcher (1978) and Bernard Patterson (1980) . . . Has since become one of the top welterweights in the world . . . Roger has defeated Kenny Croom (for the first ESPN welterweight tournament title), world-rated Kevin Howard twice (Howard has since outpointed another top 147-pound prospect, Bobby Joe Young), and former WBA champ Pipino Cuevas in one of 1981's biggest upsets on November 7th . . . Knocked Cuevas down early and beat him to the punch throughout to capture a unanimous decision . . . First 1982 fight was an easy first-round KO of former Mexican welterweight champ David Madrid on March 2nd . . . Was promised a May title shot against Sugar Ray Leonard, but bout fell through when Leonard had to undergo detached retina surgery . . . Signed instead to face unbeaten Milton McCrory in battle of the two top-rated contenders . . . Stafford dropped a unanimous decision July 10th to McCrory in a lackluster performance . . . Roger was kept at bay throughout by McCrory's 4″ edge in height and 2½″ reach advantage . . . Owns one of the best jabs in the division, a solid chin, and fine ring generalship . . . Looks to be a top contender for years to come . . . Overall record: 20-3-1, 8 KOs.

PIPINO CUEVAS

BORN ON DECEMBER 27, 1957, IN MEXICO CITY, MEXICO . . . Managed by Lupe Sanchez . . . Debuted in 1972, only days after his 14th birthday . . . Through 1973, fought 10 times, winning six, losing four . . . All victories were by knockout . . . His "gift" for losing a 10-round decision to Andy Price in 1976 was a title shot against WBA welterweight king Angel Espada one month later . . . Cuevas knocked out Espada in round two . . . Made 11 successful defenses before losing to Thomas Hearns in August, 1980 . . . The 10 title defense knockouts are a divisonal record, as are his eight consecutive knockouts in title defenses . . . After knocking out Bernardo Prado (second round) and Jorgen Hansen (first round) in 1981, Cuevas faced Roger Stafford on November 6, 1981 . . . Stafford won the ESPN fight by knocking Cuevas down in the second round, outboxing him through the middle rounds, beating him up in the final round and taking a unanimous 10-round decision . . . Did not fight in first eight months of 1982 . . . At press time, was expected to face unbeaten Donald Curry in a nationally televised fight . . . At 24, still a hero in Mexico and one of the prime welterweight forces in the world . . . Overall record: 29-7, 26 knockouts.

MARLON STARLING

BORN: AUGUST 29, 1958 . . . HEIGHT: 5′8½″ . . . RESIDES IN Hartford, Conn. . . . Amateur record: 97-13 . . . Nicknames: "Moochie" and the "Magic Man" . . . Turned pro in 1979 . . . A group of 30 businessmen put up $2,000 each to get Marlon's career started, surpassing the front money for both Joe Frazier and Sugar Ray Leonard . . . Was 19-0 with 12 KO's through 1981 with 10-round decisions over Ruby Ortiz, Floyd Mayweather and Curtis Taylor as his toughest bouts . . . Marlon's roughest 1981 test was actually a sparring session with Tommy Hearns, who was preparing for the "Showdown" with Leonard . . . Hearns broke Starling's jaw, although Moochie's manager F. Mac Buckley says his fighter had the better of the encounter . . . The injury forced a five-month layoff, and Marlon looked rusty in his January 1982 decision over veteran Danny (Mad Dog) Paul over 10 rounds . . . Starling has since won four more 1982 bouts, including a stunning 1st-round KO of Kevin Morgan in July to take the USBA Welterweight crown . . . It was Magic Man's first national TV exposure . . . Starling must now be considered in the same breath with Milton McCrory and Don Curry as the top 147-pound prospects, although Marlon is the only one of the three not yet to whip a "name" opponent . . . The Magic Man's hand speed rivals that of Sugar Ray, and his defensive skills are unsurpassed in the division . . . An excellent puncher with either hand, his specialty is combining vicious left hooks with potent right uppercuts . . . Overall record: 24-0, 16 KO's.

KEVIN HOWARD

BORN ON SEPTEMBER 27, 1960 . . . HEIGHT: 5′9½″ . . . Resides in Philadelphia, Pa. . . . Managed by Frank Ward and Mark Stewart . . . Trained by Ward . . . Had only nine amateur fights, of which he won six, all by knockout . . . Enjoys playing and watching football . . . Is also a tremendous fight fan . . . Can be seen at many of the fight cards in the Philadelphia/Trenton/Atlantic City area . . . Was 18 when he debuted as a pro in Allentown, Pa., stopping his opponent in the fourth round . . . Won his next four fights before being held to an eight-round draw against Johnny Cooper in October, 1979 . . . In the bout, Cooper floored Howard, something no other man has been able to do . . . Won all five of his bouts in 1980 . . . On June 4, 1981, lost his first fight, a close 10-round decision to Roger Stafford . . . It was the first time Howard went 10-round distance, and he tired badly during the last three rounds . . . In a rematch the following month, lost again on points over 10 rounds . . . Floored Stafford in the final round of the rematch . . . Has since won four fights, including three in 1982, one against Bobby Joe Young (W 10) and another against Johnny Cooper in a rematch . . . Stopped Cooper in the 10th round . . . Also holds a 10-round split-decision win over southpaw Robert Sawyer, who recently won the welterweight championship in ESPN's boxing tournament . . . Solid puncher with both hands . . . Not especially fast on his feet, though his hands are quick . . . Appears to have one of the most solid chins in the division . . . Overall record: 15-2-1, eight knockouts.

COLIN JONES

BORN MARCH 21, 1959, IN GORSINON, ENGLAND . . . managed and trained by Eddie Thomas . . . Represented England in the 1976 Olympic Games in Montreal . . . Lost decision in the third round of competition to eventual bronze medalist Victor Zilberman of Rumania . . . Turned pro on October 3, 1977 . . . Fought twice that year, winning both by knockout . . . Made it five straight KO's and upped his record to 12-0 when he halted all four of his 1979 opponents . . . Went to 17-0 and 10 consecutive KO's by stopping all five opponents in 1980 . . . Included was a ninth-round knockout of Kirkland Laing on April 1st for the British Welterweight Title . . . Took a 20-0 record and 13 straight knockouts into a September 3, 1981 bout against durable American Curtis Ramsey, who recently lasted 10 rounds against Tony Ayala, Jr. . . . Jones lost on a third-round disqualification . . . Returned by halting tough American Pete Seward in round three . . . Overall record: 21-1, 18 knockouts.

BOBBY JOE YOUNG

BORN MARCH 4, 1959 . . . RESIDES IN STEUBENVILLE, Ohio . . . Height: 5′8″ . . . Amateur record: 112-8, 75 knockouts . . . Managed by Carmen Castellano of Long Island, New York . . . Excellent all-around athlete . . . In high school, played football, baseball, basketball, tennis and ran track . . . When not training for a fight, plays tennis up to three times a week . . . Took an interest in boxing, when, as a teenager, he engaged in "Slap Fights" . . . "I was good at it," he laughs . . . Decided to try the real thing . . . Lost his first fight on decision, but fell in love with boxing . . . Dropped two close decisions as an amateur to Thomas Hearns . . . Turned pro in August, 1980 . . . Lost a highly-disputed four-round decision to Pedro Vilella in New York . . . The decision nearly caused a riot, despite the fact Young was the visiting fighter and Vilella the hometown hero . . . Knocked out his next nine opponents before brave Michael Herron took a pounding for eight rounds . . . On NBC-TV in March, Young was matched against prospect Kevin Howard . . . Despite suffering an early round thumbing which completely closed an eye, Young battled gamely on slugger Howard's terms before dropping a close 10-round split-decision . . . Has kayoed three opponents since the Howard fight . . . Excellent jab . : . Hook and right cross carry knockout power . . . Trained by Harold Weston, Sr. . . . Overall record: 17-2, 16 knockouts.

MAURICIO BRAVO

BORN, RAISED AND CURRENTLY RESIDES IN VENEzuela . . . An action fighter who can punch with both hands . . . His chin is suspect, as he has not yet been in with any bona fide contender who has extended him . . . Struggled against Larry Peterson and Eric Bonilla, two American club fighters, before stopping them in the seventh and sixth rounds, respectively . . . Has ventured outside his native Caracas only once to fight . . . Early knockouts over Koreans San-Mo Koo and Nak-Yung Hoi in 1981 did nothing to prove his worth as a contender . . . Neither Korean can be found among the top-10 in the Korean ratings or among the top-10 in the Oriental and Pacific Boxing Federation Ratings . . . Reports on his activity in Caracas during 1982 say he has won three fights . . . Overall record: 16-0-1, 12 knockouts.

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS

AARON PRYOR

BORN IN CINCINNATI, OHIO, OCTOBER 20, 1955 . . . Height: 5′6½″ . . . Amateur record: 204-16 . . . After his goal of making the 1976 U.S. Olympic team fell short with dual losses to Howard Davis, Jr., Pryor turned pro in November, 1976 . . . Halted his opponent in round two . . . Stopped his next four foes before iron-chinned Jose Resto lasted the eight-round distance . . . Two fights later, another human punching-bag—Johnny Summerhays—took a leather shampoo for eight rounds, refusing to fall . . . He was the last man to go the distance against Pryor . . . Since then, Pryor has knocked out 23 consecutive opponents . . . Won the title on August 2, 1980 from Antonio (Kid Pambele) Cervantes . . . Down in the first, Pryor stormed back to stop Cervantes in the fourth round . . . Has since made five successful defenses and had one non-title fight (KO 3, Danny Myers) . . . Has the best knockout percentage in the history of the junior welterweight division (.936) . . . Has stopped five opponents in the first round . . . Nicknames: "The Hawk" and "The Cincinnati Cyclone" . . . Will put his world junior welterweight title on the line against Alexis Arguello in November . . . Overall record: 31-0, 29 knockouts.

LEROY HALEY

BORN IN GARLAND, ARKANSAS ON DECEMBER 27, 1954, to Leroy, Sr., and Bobbie W. Haley . . . Fourth-born of the nine Haley children . . . Height: 5'6¾" . . . As a teenager, moved with his family from Arkansas to Las Vegas . . . In high school, played football, basketball and ran track . . . Became interested in boxing at age 10, while watching Golden Gloves bouts on television . . . Fought only 10 amateur bouts, winning nine of them . . . Favorite fighter: Larry Holmes . . . Hobbies: Horseback riding, dancing and coaching youngsters in various sports, especially boxing . . . Favorite entertainers . . . Aretha Franklin and Kenny Rodgers . . . Turned pro in 1973 . . . Fought 14 times that year, winning every bout . . . Won his first 20 fights before dropping an eight-round decision to Roy Holloway on May 14, 1975 . . . Two months earlier he had decisioned Holloway . . . Won his next 10 fights by decision . . . Had his consecutive decision victory streak snapped when Leonardo Bermudez held to a 10-round draw on April 6, 1977 . . . Four weeks later, fought Bermudez again . . . Beat him on points over 12 rounds . . . Went unbeaten in his next eight fights before Willie Rodriguez stopped him in the 12th round, February 2, 1979 . . . After winning his next seven fights, was rematched with Rodriguez on April 11, 1981 . . . The fight was over 12 rounds for the NABF Junior Welterweight Title . . . Haley won the crown with a 12-round decision . . . Few experts gave him much of a chance when he faced WBC titleholder Saoul Mamby last June 26th on CBS . . . Haley continually pressured Mamby, winning the crown by decision . . . A steady, professional fighter . . . Uses both hands well . . . Not a big puncher, though can take an opponent out with the tremendous volume of blows and combinations he throws . . . Sturdy chin . . . May be defending against Johnny Bumphus before the end of 1982 . . . Overall record: 46-2-2, 15 knockouts and one no contest.

SAOUL MAMBY

BORN ON JUNE 4, 1947 . . . HEIGHT: 5'10" . . . BEGAN career in 1969 . . . Drew with a young undefeated Edwin Viruet in 1971 . . . Dropped two of four fights the next year . . . In February, 1976 main-evented in Madison Square Garden against Harold Weston, Jr. . . . His record went to 18-8-5 . . . In his next fight, Mamby lost a 10-round decision to Roberto Duran . . . A month later beat Nani Marrero then five months later, dropped a close decision to Antonio Cervantes in Maracay, Colombia . . . In May of 1977 lost a close decision to Marrero in Nani's hometown . . . Following that he was given a title shot against Saensak Muangsurin in Thailand . . . In front of 80,000 fans, Mamby was robbed of the decision . . . Even the local papers agreed that Mamby had won . . . Although he was losing, Mamby was looking like a winner . . . Six straight victories later, Mamby was in Seoul, Korea, facing WBC title-holder Sang-Hyun Kim . . . A powerful right hand in the 14th round made Mamby the champion . . . His first defense of the junior welterweight crown was against former WBC lightweight champion Esteban DeJesus . . . Mamby knocked him out in 13 rounds . . . Went on to defend four more times in 1981 . . . June 26, 1982, lost his title by decision to Irish Leroy Haley . . . Mamby is an excellent defensive technician . . . Overall record: 32-13-5, 14 knockouts.

JOHNNY BUMPHUS

BORN AUGUST 17, 1960 . . . HEIGHT: 6'¼" . . . AMATEUR record: 341-16 . . . Owns more amateur titles than any fighter in history . . . Managed by Lou Duva and Shelly Finkel . . . Trained by George Benton . . . Nickname: "Bump City" . . . Was the light welterweight gold medalist in the 1980 Olympic Trials . . . Born and raised in Nashville, Tennessee . . . Now resides in Trenton, N.J. . . . Southpaw . . . Turned professional in November, 1980, halting Mike Michaud in the first round . . . By the end of the year was 3-0 . . . Won nine more fights in 1981, including a 12-round decision against Willie Rodriguez for the USBA Junior Welterweight Title . . . The victory also gave him recognition as Ring's U.S. Junior Welterweight Champion . . . Never looked better in stopping Marvin Jenkins on ESPN last March 2 in the second round . . . Jenkins had never been stopped before . . . Injured his right thumb in the victory . . . Underwent surgery in early April . . . Resumed training in mid-June . . . On July 27, returned to action with a fifth-round knockout of Ed Lugo . . . Used the fight as a tuneup for an August 22 bout against veteran Ricardo Jimenez . . . Seen on NBC, Bumphus stopped Jimenez in round eight . . . Bumphus, who appeared in Ring's "New Faces" in April, 1981, will probably challenge WBC junior welterweight king Leroy Haley late in 1982 or early in 1983 . . . Overall record: 15-0.

DUJUAN JOHNSON

BORN ON DECEMBER 16, 1960 . . . HEIGHT: 5'9" . . . RESides in Detroit, Michigan . . . Amateur record: 107-17 . . . Nickname: "Mr. Excitement" . . . Two-time Michigan State AAU champion . . . Recently split with longtime manager Emanuel Steward . . . Because of rapidly receding hairline, looks older than his 21 years . . . Solid puncher with both hands . . . Defense could use tightening . . . Turned pro in 1979 . . . Won six fights that first year . . . Added six more victories in 1980, including his career-biggest win, a 10-round decision over Miguel Montilla on December 6th . . . Won five more fights in 1981 before taking a 17-0 record into a title fight against Aaron Pryor . . . Johnson dropped Pryor in the first round, only to have Pryor storm back and stop him in the seventh round . . . Looked less than world-class when he was outpointed by veteran Adriano "Nani" Marrero last July in Madison Square Garden . . . Must come back impressively if he is to maintain his world rating . . . Overall record: 17-2, 13 knockouts.

JO KIMPUANI

BORN IN LUZUBI, ZAIRE, ON OCTOBER 10, 1949 . . . RESides in France where he became naturalized in 1979 . . . Turned pro in 1971 . . . Didn't lose a fight for his first six years . . . In 1977 won seven bouts and got a title shot against Saensak Muangsurin on December 30 . . . Kimpuani stopped in the 14th . . . Won 18 straight after that and got a title shot against Saoul Mamby for the WBC junior welterweight crown . . . Kimpuani failed to wrest the title by dropping a 15 round decision . . . Recently lost a decision to Claude Lancastre, the French welterweight champion . . . Seems on his way down . . . Overall record 57-4, 38 knockouts.

STEVE HEARON

RESIDES IN HOUSTON, TEXAS . . . TURNED PRO IN 1979 . . . Won two fights that year . . . Added nine more victories in 1980 . . . In 1981, dropped back-to-back fights as a welterweight . . . Armando Ramirez outpointed him on April 30th . . . Milton McCrory halted him in the eighth round of an entertaining fight in Houston on June 26th . . . Until the end came, Hearon had been giving McCrory his toughest moments as a pro . . . Since the loss to McCrory, Hearon has decided to fight only as a junior welterweight, where he is strongest . . . Has knocked out seven consecutive opponents, including Ernesto Herrera (three rounds), Anthony Collins (four rounds) and Sal Lopez (two rounds) in 1982 . . . Better puncher than he is a boxer . . . Solid chin . . . Unquestionable stamina . . . Overall record: 19-2, 16 knockouts.

RONNIE SHIELDS

THE FIGHTING SON OF ERNEST AND SORETHA SHIELDS was born on June 6, 1958, in Port Arthur, Texas . . . Height: 5'9" . . . Has three brothers and two sisters . . . Amateur record: 242-21 . . . Won six regional Golden Gloves titles, three Texas State Golden Gloves championships and three National Golden Gloves crowns . . . Willie Savannah handled him as an amateur and still is with him as manager . . . Began boxing in 1973 as an amateur . . . Turned pro in 1980 . . . Stopped all three opponents that year . . . On May 2, 1981, went with stablemate Freddie Jackson to Mexico City on last-minute notice . . . Both expected easy victories . . . Both lost . . . "The mistake was mine," said manager Savannah. "From now on, my guys will fight when they're ready to fight. No more of this last-minute stuff!" . . . Since then, Shields has won eight fights, six by knockout . . . Included were victories over Larry Bonds (W 10) and Monroe Brooks (W 10) . . . Overall record: 15-1, 12 knockouts.

MIGUEL MONTILLA

BORN IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC IN 1952 . . . BEGAN his pro career at 19 as a lightweight in Tampa, Florida . . . Split a pair of fights with Alfredo Escalera in 1973 . . . Winning a ten rounder and losing by 8th round knockout . . . Lost a 12-round decision to Hector Medina in February, 1974 . . . Won his next 17 fights, 15 by knockout earning him a shot at Antonio Cervantes for the junior welterweight crown January 18th, 1979 . . . Before a large crowd in Madison Square Garden, Montilla dropped a 15-round decision . . . Knocked out Nani Marrero in one round later that year . . . Fought the champion Cervantes again in March of 1980 and was stopped in seven . . . Beaten that December by DuJuan Johnson . . . Just when it looked like the career was winding down, Montilla stopped top-rated Domingo Ayala in Madison Square Garden in three rounds . . . Early in 1982 got another title chance against Aaron Pryor . . . Survived for twelve punishing rounds before the fight was stopped . . . Scheduled to fight Johnny Bumphus sometime in late 1982 . . . Probably last chance to get at fourth title crack . . . Overall record 37-8-2, 26 knockouts.

WILLIE RODRIGUEZ

BORN 1955 . . . GOOD RING TECHNICIAN . . . HAS GOOD hands and a good jab but admits he's not a knockout puncher . . . Turned pro in 1975 . . . Lost a close decision in fifth fight to slippery veteran Rufus Miller . . . Won his next six fights over the following 13 months before becoming Sugar Ray Leonard's second professional victim . . . Leonard beat Rodriguez on a six-round decision, but not before Rodriguez nearly dropped him in the second round with a hard right on the jaw . . . Six fights and 16 months later, Rodriguez lost a hotly-disputed decision to Charlie Nash in London . . . Another bad decision followed as Rodriguez lost to Nkosana Mgxaji in Capetown, South Africa . . . Feb. 2, 1979 knocked out Leroy Haley in twelve rounds . . . Won seven of his next eight fights including USBA junior welterweight title . . . The loss was a knockout at the hands of Bruce Curry . . . In April 1981 dropped a twelve round decision to Leroy Haley . . . Came back with an impressive fifth round knockout of Mark Ibanez . . . Lost USBA title to Johnny Bumphus in a tough 12-rounder . . . Overall record 27-8-0, 9 knockouts.

LIGHTWEIGHTS

ALEXIS ARGUELLO

BORN IN MANAGUA, NICARAGUA, ON APRIL 19, 1952 . . . Height 5'10" . . . Began his career in 1968 . . . Lost fourth fight on a six-round decision . . . Won his next 20 fights

before being stopped on a cut against Jorge Reyes in 1972 . . . A 12-bout unbeaten streak then put the 21-year-old Arguello in with WBA featherweight king Ernesto Marcel, who decisioned the challenger . . . Arguello was not to lose again until he was outboxed over 10 rounds by Vilomar Fernandez four years and 26 fights later . . . In that time he won the WBA featherweight title by halting Ruben Olivares in the 13th round, November 23, 1974 . . . Retained his featherweight title four times with early knockouts before giving it up due to weight problems in 1977 . . . Won the WBC junior lightweight crown on January 28, 1978, from Alfredo Escalera in a sensational fight, stopping him in round 13 . . . Defended junior lightweight crown eight times stopping, among others, Escalera again, Rafael Limon, Bobby Chacon, Ruben Castillo, Rolando Navarette and Cornelius Boza-Edwards in a non-title fight . . . Moved up to the lightweight class in 1980 . . . Became lightweight champion with a one-sided decision against Jim Watt on June 20, 1981 . . . Knocked out Ray Mancini October 3, 1981 in a title defense . . . Defended title twice more in 1982 . . . July 31, 1982 moved up to the junior welterweight class with a second-round knockout of Kevin Rooney . . . Scheduled now to fight undefeated WBA champion Aaron Pryor for an unprecedented fourth crown . . . Is 19-1 in title fights . . . Now lives in Kings Bay, Florida . . . Finally receiving just due as one of the greatest fighters of all time . . . Overall record 76-4, 61 knockouts.

RAY (BOOM BOOM) MANCINI

BORN: MARCH 4, 1961, IN YOUNGSTOWN, OH . . . Height: 5'6½" . . . Amateur record: 43-7, 23 KO's . . . Son of the original "Boom Boom," 1940's lightweight contender Lenny Mancini, who never got his deserved title shot because of military obligation . . . "Discovered" by trainer Murphy Griffith in 1979 at National Golden Gloves in Indianapolis . . . Turned pro shortly thereafter with Griffith as trainer and Dave Wolf as manager . . . Won his first 20 bouts, 15 by kayo, including NABF lightweight title . . . After a 12-round defense of his NABF crown over tough Mexican Jose Luis Ramirez, Ray signed an October 3, 1981 contract to meet Alexis Arguello for WBC Lightweight title . . . Mancini was stopped in the 14th round of one of 1981's best bouts . . . "Boom Boom" controlled the early going, but couldn't land the multi-punch combos that hape become his trademark, letting a hurt Arguello off the hook on several occasions . . . Learned the hard way how to stop a hurt opponent when he was knocked down for the first time in his career in the 14th . . . Arguello, who had lost *his* first title fight, promised that Mancini would be back . . . Ray closed out 1981 with an easy 2nd-round kayo of veteran Manuel Abedoy in December . . . First 1982 bout was a 10th round stoppage of slick veteran Julio "Diablito" Valdez on January 23rd . . . Valdez gave Ray all he could handle for nine rounds, but "Boom Boom" didn't let his man off the hook this time, stopping a hurt Valdez with a vicious combination in the 10th . . . Signed for a May 8th title shot against WBA champ Art Frias . . . In one of the shortest—and most exciting—lightweight title fights ever, Ray threw 34 punches in 22 seconds to stop Frias late in the 1st round, after being jarred early by countering shots . . . At 22, Ray had "finally" won the title his father never had . . . "Boom Boom" defended for the first time on July 24 in Warren, Ohio with a 6th round stoppage of former champ Ernesto Espana in another tough, close fight . . . Has apparently given the WBA version of the title some stability, and is looking to unify the crown with a rematch against Arguello or his successor, should he vacate the crown . . . Is a pressure-type fighter with power in both hands, solid chin, and uses his average foot speed to effectively cut off the ring . . . Was an honor student and class president in high school . . . Overall record: 24-1, 19 KO's.

EDWIN ROSARIO

BORN: MARCH 15, 1963, IN PUERTO RICO . . . RESIDES IN Toa Japa, Puerto Rico . . . Height: 5'6½" . . . Probably turned pro in late 1978 or early 1979 . . . Even manager Jimmy Jacobs can't account properly for all of Edwin's early fights . . . Trainer Manny Sciaca, who has been with Rosario since Edwin took up boxing, claims his fighter's record was 18 wins, 18 KO's before veteran James Martinez went the 10-round distance on the Leonard-Hearns undercard September 16, 1981 (The 1982 *Ring Record Book* accounts for only 11 of those 18 bouts) . . . No matter how many pro fights Rosario has had, he is one of the premier fighters in the world today . . . Was world-rated as a Junior Featherweight (122) at the outset of 1981, but moved quickly into and through the Featherweight and Jr. Lightweight ranks . . . Weighed in at 133 for his last 1981 fight, an early knockout of Ernesto Herrera December 10th . . . Has fought between 131 and 138 for his three 1982 bouts, all easy kayos . . . Vaulted into the Lightweight limelight with an awesome 3rd round destruction of perennial top-ten 135-pounder Edwin Viruet, who had been 25 rounds without suffering a knockdown against Roberto Duran in his lightweight prime . . . The May knockout in Las Vegas was costly to Rosario, though, as he injured his right wrist . . . Although not broken as first thought, Edwin's wrist has him taking a few months off from his training, and his next outing may be for either a junior lightweight or lightweight title fight . . . Rosario is lightning-fast, and near-impossible to hit cleanly, a punishing puncher with either hand, who has the ring generalship to be the best fighter in Jimmy Jacobs' stable, which includes Wilfred Benitez . . . His only noticeable shortcoming as a fighter thus far has been an occasional, although understandable, lack of interest in some of his easier fights . . . Jacobs says Rosario is still growing and may yet end up as a junior welterweight . . . The maturest 19-year-old in the sport, he could be a world champion before 1983 . . . Overall record (*Ring Record Book*): 17-0, 16 KO's; (According to Manny Sciaca): 25-0, 24 KO's.

ANDY GANIGAN

FIGHTS OUT OF HONOLULU, HAWAII . . . SOUTHPAW who won 23 of his first 25 fights by knockout . . . Won U.S. lightweight title in May 1978 with a second round knockout of Carlos Becerril . . . Stopped that August by Johnny Lira in six rounds . . . Won eight of his next nine fights then lost a close ten-round decision to Rodolfo Gonzalez in June of 1981 . . . On October 31, 1981, substituted for Howard Davis in a fight against Sean O'Grady in Little Rock, Arkansas . . . Knocked out O'Grady in two rounds . . . On My 22, 1982 was given a shot at Alexis Arguello for the WBC lightweight title . . . Put Arguello down in the first round with a powerful hook . . . Stopped by Arguello after tremendous slugfest in the fifth round . . . One of the hardest punchers in the division . . . Overall record 34-4, 30 knockouts

HOWARD DAVIS

BORN FEBRUARY 14, 1956 . . . BECAME INTERESTED IN boxing in 1970 after seeing movie "Cassius Clay, a.k.a Muhammad Ali" . . . Began boxing as a bantamweight in 1972 . . . The following year won the first of his record four consecutive New York Golden Gloves championships . . . Beat Aaron Pryor twice and Thomas Hearns once as an amateur . . . 1976 Olympic Games lightweight gold medalist . . . Won Val Barker Award for best boxer in the Olympics edging Sugar Ray Leonard and Teo Stevenson . . . Possibly the fastest punching boxer in the world . . . His 72½ inch reach is phenomenal for a lightweight . . . Since July, 1979 has lived on a vegetarian diet . . . His only pro loss was a 15-round decision in an attempt to win Jim Watt's lightweight crown in June, 1980 . . . Fought only twice between title attempt and April, 1982 when he decisioned Angel Cruz . . . Decisioned Julio "Diablito" Valdez in June and knocked out Anthony Collins in three rounds the next month . . . At press time scheduled to fight Cocoa Sanchez . . . split with Co-managers Dennis Rappaport and Mike Jones early in 1982 . . . has aligned himself with N.Y. businessman Ed Gersh . . . Trained by his father, Howard Davis Sr. . . . Overall record 15-1, 7 knockouts.

RUBEN MUNOZ, JR.

BORN IN 1958 IN ODESSA, TEXAS . . . HEIGHT: 5'7" . . . Two-time Texas Golden Gloves champion, captained state team in '79 . . . Turned pro later that year . . . Managed by Doug Lord and Ike Isaacs . . . Trained by his father Ruben, Sr., a former pro fighter . . . His only loss came on points in 1980 to Dennis Quimayousie. Has been on a tear since . . . Has style which baffles most opponents . . . When they think they've figured out how to avoid his left jab and right cross he switches to southpaw stance and nails them with the right hook . . . Did that to USBA lightweight champ Curtis Harris on March 11 this year and kayoed him in fourth round of non-title bout . . . Biggest win came July 18 when he captured USBA title by ripping apart former WBA champ Arturo Frias in five . . . Considers self a junior lightweight while holding national lightweight title . . . Says "It's not worth $50,000 to fight Mancini"—wants Sam Serrano . . . Worked as bondsman for Ike Isaacs' Bonding in Odessa to support wife and two young sons . . . Now figures ring earnings will suffice from here on in . . . Overall record: 14-1, 12 kayoes.

GONZALO MONTELLANO

BORN: AUGUST 25, 1957 . . . RESIDES IN BAKERSFIELD, CA. . . . Was 18 when he won his first pro fight in 1976 . . . Won his first 26 in a row from 1976 to 1980 . . . Was then held to a disputed draw in his next outing against Herman Montes over 12 rounds in May, 1980 . . . The only loss of his pro career, as well as his only national TV exposure, was in his next bout, a close 12-round decision loss to Sean O'Grady . . . Closed out 1980 with a ten-round decision over Salvador Torres in Bakersfield . . . Has gone unbeaten in 1981 and 1982 with 8 wins and 4 knockouts over mainly unknown West Coast fighters . . . Was scheduled to fight WBC Lightweight Champ Alexis Arguello for the title in November, 1981, but suffered an injury in training . . . Was then supposed to be Art Frias' second WBA Title defense opponent, but was badly cut on the eye while sparring, allowing Ray Mancini to step in and fulfill his dream of winning the title for his father . . . The setbacks have cost him some needed publicity, but Montellano is still rated in the top ten by *The Ring*, WBA and WBC because he is a class fighter . . . Montellano is known as a good stand-up boxer with excellent moves and the power to make his opponents respect him . . . Always in great physical shape, and until the recent injuries, a very active fighter . . . May yet challenge and win one of the lightweight titles . . . Overall record: 35-1-1, 20 knockouts.

HILMER KENTY

BORN JULY 30, 1955 . . . AT HEIGHT OF 5'11" TOWERS over most men he faces . . . Turned pro in 1977 under management of Emmanuel Steward . . . Trained at Detroit's famous Kronk Cym alongside Thomas Hearns . . . Racked up impressive string of victories fighting in and around Detroit for two years . . . Biggest win came March 2, 1980 when he copped WBA lightweight crown with ninth round kayo of Ernesto Espana . . . Successfully defended title three times in that, his best year . . . Luck ran out on April 12, 1981 in Atlantic City . . . Lost title to Sean O'Grady by surprisingly lopsided decision, failing to win more than four rounds on any card . . . Later found that he had suffered detached retina . . . Underwent

surgery and took off rest of year . . . Decided, against advice of Steward, to resume career . . . Steward no longer managing him now, says "I don't want to see him go blind." . . . Has aligned himself with promoter Butch Lewis as he fights his way back to top . . . Beat John Montes in a comeback fight in August of this year . . . Overall record: 22-1, 15 knockouts.

RODOLFO (GATO) GONZALES

BORN: JUNE 2, 1959 . . . HEIGHT: 5'8½" . . . AMATEUR RECORD: 65-5, 50 KO's . . . Came out of the Mexcan "Barrios" to become one of the world's top young fighters . . . At this time last year, was considered a cinch to become lightweight champion, but has now dropped back into relative obscurity . . . An explosive puncher, especially with the right . . . Defensive skills need honing to make him a more complete fighter . . . Chin has been reached already . . . Suffered knockdowns in his third and 16th pro fights against lesser fighters . . . Won his first 14 fights as a pro, all knockouts . . . then held to a third round technical draw against Herman Montes because of numerous fouls by both men . . . Greatst moment as a pro came on March 16, 1981 when he knocked out usually-tough-to-hit Vilomar Fernandez in the 2nd round . . . Fernandez, the last man to beat Alexis Arguello, claimed Gonzales was the hardest hitter he ever faced . . . In his next fight, Gato took a unanimous decision from world-rated Andy Ganigan, despite having been knocked down twice . . . Fought once, an early knockout, before signing to fight for the vacant WBA Lightweight Title (taken away from Sean O'Grady) against Claude Noel . . . Noel decisioned Gonzales in a lackluster fight for both men on September 12, 1981' in Atlantic City . . . Since that time, everyone has been asking, "Where is Gato?" . . . After the Noel fight, Rodolfo had his jaw broken in training, and was then in a bad car accident in early 1982 . . . The numerous facial lacerations he suffered have kept him out of action since that time . . . He says he expects to fight again before the end of 1982 . . . Overall record: 19-1-1, 17 KO's.

ART FRIAS

BORN ON OCTOBER 27, 1956, IN EAST LOS ANGELES . . . Fell in love with boxing as a child . . . His first boxing idol was former lightweight champion Mando Ramos . . . Height: 5'7" . . . Nickname: "Tury" . . . Amateur record: 102-9 . . . Turned pro in 1975 . . . Won his first 16 fights . . . Sore hands forced him to lay off between May, 1978 and June, 1980 . . . Fought twice in 1980, winning both and upping his record to 18-0 . . . Added two more victories in 1981 before dropping a controversial decision to Ernesto Espana in Caracas, Venezuela, on May 30, 1981 . . . After an October 29, 1981, fifth-round knockout of Mexico's Juan Graciano, Frais was named to take the place of ailing Gonzalo Montellano against then-WBA lightweight champion Claude Noel . . . Frias, a 5-1 underdog, won the bout by knocking out Noel with a picturesque right to the chin in the eighth round . . . Defended the following month against Ernesto Espana on CBS . . . After being accidentally butted and severly cut by Espana, the fight was stopped in the ninth round and Frias was awarded a technical decision . . . In his second defense, on May 8, was stopped in the opening round by Ray Mancini . . . The round will almost certainly be selected as 1982's "Round of the Year" . . . In his next fight, on July 18, Frias was halted in the fifth round by Ruben Munoz of Texas . . . Lives in Montebello, California, with his wife, Rose, and their two daughters . . . Managed by Norman Kaplan and Al Lira . . . Overall record: 24-3, seven knockouts.

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS

SAMUEL SERRANO

BORN ON NOVEMBER 7, 1952 IN TOA ALTA, PUERTO RICO . . . Height: 5'8½" . . . Turned pro in 1969, one week before his 17th birthday . . . Won the Puerto Rican Featherweight Title in March, 1970, beating talented Francisco Villegas on a 12-round decision . . . Lost the title two weeks later as Villegas reversed the decision . . . Four victories and two years later, Serrano fought Villegas in a rubber match . . . Once again Villegas captured a narrow, 12-round decision . . . After winning four fights in 1973, Serrano, now struggling to make 126 pounds, dropped a 10-round decision to WBA featherweight king Ernesto Marcel in a non-title bout . . . Moving into the junior lightweight division, where he felt stronger, Serrano began reeling off victories . . . Four wins in 1974 and another five in the 1975 moved him into a title fight against Ben Villaflor . . . In April, 1976, Serrano and Villaflor fought to a draw . . . In a re-match six months later, Serrano became champion with a 15-round decision . . . The longest reign in junior lightweight history ensued—three years, 10 months, along with 10 successful defenses . . . He lost the crown to Japan's Yasutsune Uehara on August 2, 1980, knocked out in round six by a right to the jaw . . . Regained the title on April 9, 1981 with a 15-round decision over Uehara . . . Followed with successful defenses against Leonel Hernandez and Hikaru Tomonari. Overall record: 42-4-1, 16 knockouts.

CORNELIUS BOZA-EDWARDS

BORN ON MAY 27, 1956, IN UGANDA . . . MANAGED BY Englishman Jack Edwards, who brought "Corny," as his friends call him, to England in 1974 . . . Managed by Terry Lawless . . . Trained by George Francis . . . Southpaw . . . Loves music . . . Plays several instruments . . . Fought in Uganda as a flyweight and a bantamweight . . . Lost only one of an estimated 80 amateur fights, that one to current world-class professional flyweight Stephen Muchoki . . . A tragic accident cost his wife, Jackie, her life in August, 1979, leaving him to raise their daughter, Michelle . . . Turned pro in late 1976 . . . Knocked out his first nine opponents before losing on a cut to Des Gwilliam in September, 1977 . . . Won his next 18 fights before facing Alexis Arguello in August, 1980 . . . Arguello stopped him in the eighth round . . . After the bout, Arguello predicted Boza would become the next king of the junior lightweights . . . He was right . . . Seven months later, Boza outpointed Rafael (Bazooka) Limon to win the WBC junior lightweight title . . . The bout was one of 1981's best . . . On May 30, 1981, successfully retained the title with a 13th-round knockout of Bobby Chacon . . . Lost the crown by a fifth-round knockout to Rolando Navarrete on August 29 . . . Returned three months later with a third-round knockout of Santiago Alvarez . . . Never looked sharper than when he cut down previously unbeaten John "The Heat" Verderosa in the third round last April 25 . . . On June 26th, Boza decisioned Roberto Elizondo over 10 rounds in one of the year's best fights . . . The bout was shown on ABC . . . Overall record: 35-3, 27 knockouts.

RAFAEL (BAZOOKA) LIMON

BORN ON JANUARY 13, 1954 IN MEXICO CITY, MEXICO . . . Southpaw . . . What he lacks in skill he makes up for with a ton of heart . . . Limon is a throwback to the oldtime fighters . . . He asks no questions who his opponent is or where the fight will be held . . . To him, the only question is "when do I fight again? . . . Began career in 1972 . . . Lost five of his first 19 fights . . . The 14 he won were by knockout . . . It took 26 victories and four years before Limon was given a title shot . . . In this case, the champion was Alexis Arguello . . . On July 8, 1979, in New York's first boxing match on a Sunday, Arguello stopped Limon in the 11th round on cuts . . . In a fight for the same title 17 months later, a title vacated by Arguello, Limon claimed its vacancy with a 15th-round stoppage of Ildelfonso Bethelmy . . . In his first defense, he lost a tough fight to Cornelius Boza-Edwards . . . May 29, 1982 Limon regained his title with a stunning comeback knockout of Rolando Navarrete who had taken the title from Boza-Edwards . . . Overall record 46-11-2, 34 knockouts.

ROLANDO NAVARRETE

BORN IN THE PHILIPPINES ON FEBRUARY 14, 1957 . . . Grew up there in the populous known as General Santos City . . . Began boxing at the age of 14 . . . Had nearly three dozen unsanctioned pro bouts in and around his home town before actually applying for a license . . . Moved to Manila in 1974 . . . Began fighting as a pro soon after moving to Manila . . . Managed by Paul Sakamoto . . . Trained by Marcellus Dudoit . . . Married . . . Dedicates every fight to his young daughter, Elland Nani . . . Fought the best fighters in the Philippines from the start . . . His most disappointing loss was to Johnny Sato on New Years' Eve, 1977 . . . It was a loss Navarrete spent years hoping to avenge . . . Soon after the loss, he left his original manager and signed with Sakamoto . . . Things have been different since . . . Following the loss to Sato, went unbeaten in his next 14 fights . . . Suddenly, Navarrete found himself in with Alexis Arguello . . . Navarrete was stopped on a severe eye cut in the fourth round on April 27, 1981 . . . Had a 12-round victory over Sato for the NABF Junior Lightweight Title . . . August 29, 1981, a late substitute replacing Rafael (Bazooka) Limon against Cornelius Boza-Edwards, for the WBC Junior Lightweight Title . . . In one of the major upsets of the year he knocked out the champion in the fifth round . . . His first title defense was on January 16, 1982, against Chung-Il Choi in Manila . . . One of the fights of year with Navarrete winning on an eleventh round K.O. . . . Lost his title to former champion, Limon in Las Vegas . . . Although he was ahead on all three judges cards, he was knocked out in twelfth round . . . Overall record: 41-9-3, 20 knockouts.

BOBBY CHACON

BORN ON NOVEMBER 21, 1951 IN LOS ANGELES . . . Height 5'5¾" . . . Turned pro in 1972 . . . Fought 15 times that year, winning all but one by knockout . . . By the years' end, was already a world-class fighter and a gate attraction in Southern California . . . A February 1973 knockout of Turi Pineda, followed by a stoppage of former bantamweight king Chucho Castillo two months later put Chacon in line to face Ruben Olivares for the vacant NABF featherweight title . . . Olivares stopped him on cuts in round nine on June 23, 1973 . . . May 24, 1974 found Chacon in against Danny "Little Red" Lopez . . . Lopez was 23-0 with 22 knockouts but Chacon stopped him in nine rounds . . . In September won the WBC featherweight crown from Alfredo Marcano with a ninth round stoppage . . . In his second defense of the title, was stopped by Olivares in two . . . Was beaten again in 1975 by Bazooka Limon . . . Regrouped to win ten in a row including a ten-round decision over Olivares in a non-title bout . . . Challenged Alexis Arguello for the WBC junior lightweight crown in November 1979, but was stopped on cuts in round seven . . . Beat Bazooka Limon in only 1980 fight . . . Turned in a sensational effort against the WBC junior lightweight champion, Cornelius Boza-Edwards May 30, 1981, only to be stopped in the 13th round . . . Chacon's wife tragically killed herself early in 1982 . . . Bobby fought just days later in an emotional victory . . . He's had two other victories in 1982 and may fight Hector Camacho this year in an effort to get one more shot at the junior lightweight crown . . . Very slick boxer with deceptive power . . . Overall record 49-6-1, 41 knockouts.

HECTOR (MACHO) CAMACHO

BORN 20 YEARS AGO IN SPANISH HARLEM, NY . . . MOST of his amateur fights were in the streets of New York, although he did win some Gold Gloves titles in his amateur career . . . Was more concerned with his macho image than boxing then, stealing cars and beating up bigger kids than himself . . . The car theft business landed him a 3 month stretch at Riker's Island as a 16-year-old . . . Turned pro in 1980 . . . By the end of 1981, he had won 12 straight bouts, 6 by knockout, including a 12 round decision of Blaine Dickson for the NABF Featherweight title in December . . . Has won four 1982 bouts, and has jumped into the junior lightweight rankings by beating up on previously unbeaten Louie Loy of California on CBS-TV in July . . . Camacho has fought exclusively for and at Madison Square Garden and is the #1 local attraction . . . Weighed in at 132 for Loy, and can fight comfortably as a junior lightweight or lightweight . . . Has lightning quick hands, good power, and likes to control the flow of the fight with movement and pressure . . . Has yet to prove he can take a big punch from a top-flight fighter . . . His little boy looks and charismatic personality should keep him on the scene for some time . . . Overall record: 16-0, 9 ko's.

CHUNG IL-CHOI

BORN ON APRIL 2, 1958, IN PUSAN, KOREA . . . HEIGHT: 5'8½" . . . Turned pro in May, 1979 . . . Knocked out all five opponents that year . . . Stretched his consecutive kayo mark to seven by stopping his first two opponents in 1980 . . . Had his string snapped on May 10, 1980, when Yoshitaka Ikehara lasted the 10-round distance against him . . . Ikehara took quite a pounding in the fight . . . Began a new knockout streak his next fight, halting Rod Sequenan in the eighth round . . . The fight is notable because Choi showed he has a sturdy chin as he took Sequenan's best shots before stopping him in the eighth round of a very rough fight . . . Kayoed all four of his opponents in 1981 . . . Took a 13-0 record into January 16, 1982 title fight against then-WBC junior lightweight king Rolando Navarrete . . . Fight was billed as the "Duel at the Park" . . . It might as well have been called the "Thrilla in Manila II" . . . In front of a crowd of 30,000 fans, Choi and Navarrete battered each other incessantly for 10 rounds . . . Finally, in the 11th round, Navarrete, who had been down earlier in the fight, knocked out Choi with a right to the chin . . . As the ref counted Choi out, Navarrete collapsed next to him on the canvas . . . For the fight, Choi received $40,000—clear! . . . Expected to challenge "Bazooka" Limon on September 18th in Los Angeles on ESPN . . . Overall record: 13-1, 12 knockouts.

JOHN (THE HEAT) VERDEROSA

BORN ON OCTOBER 28, 1957 . . . HEIGHT 5'5" . . . Managed by Frank Sciacca . . . Amateur record: 49-10-1 . . . Two-time New York Golden Gloves champ . . . A reborn Christian . . . Likes punk-rock . . . Colorful fighter with good hand speed . . . Aggressive style punching from all angles . . . Turned pro in 1979 . . . By the end of 1980 had won 14 of 14 . . . Won USBA junior lightweight title with a one-punch, one-round knockout victory over previously undefeated Robert Mullins . . . March 5, 1982, won a tough 12-round decision from Julio "Diablito" Valdez . . . A month later stepped up in class and was knocked out in three rounds by Cornelius Boza-Edwards . . . Will have to work hard to regain lost prestige in the division . . . Overall record 22-1-0, 15 knockouts.

CARLOS PINANGO

TURNED PRO IN 1979 AFTER LONG AMATEUR CAREER . . . Beat Hector Pinto in a four-rounder but by end of year was a ten-round fighter . . . Won all ten fights that first year . . . Good boxer, better puncher . . . Biggest problem is defense, or rather lack of it . . . Tends to block punches with his chin . . . Fought seven times in 1980 with all fights ending in knockouts . . . Six went in his favor . . . The loss was to Leonel Hernandez . . . Fought Eusebio Pedroza for WBA title in August of last year . . . Didn't win a single round before referee stopped fight, declaring him loser in the seventh . . . Record through 1981: 17-2, 12 knockouts.

FEATHERWEIGHTS

EUSEBIO PEDROZA

BORN IN PANAMA CITY, PANAMA, ON MARCH 2, 1953 . . . Managed by Santiago del Rio . . . Turned pro three months before his 21st birthday, rather late for such a talented fighter . . . Height: 5'9" . . . Stopped on a cut eye in his 10th fight by Alfonso Lopez . . . 1976 was a year he'd like to forget . . . Fighting as a bantamweight on April 3, he challenged then-unbeaten Alfonso Zamora for his WBA title . . . A left hook put Pedroza's lights out in round three . . . Three months later, Pedroza fought in bantamweight Oscar Arnal's backyard of Caracas . . . Stunned by a combination, the fight was stopped in the sixth round . . . Nobody has beaten him since . . . Counting his fights from the time he lost to Arnal, Pedroza is 20-0, including 16 knockouts . . . Won the WBA title by stopping Cecilio Lastra in the 13th round on April 15, 1978 . . . Defended twice that year, then four times in each of the following two years . . . Looked brilliant in stopping Patrick Ford in round 13 in February 1981 . . . Many experts claim it was the second half of his title defense vs. Rocky Lockridge in October 1980, that made Pedroza into something more than merely the "other" champion . . . Holds featherweight record for most defenses (14) . . . Looked awesome in destroying Bashew Sibaca last December 5th in Panama . . . His January 24, 1982 title defense against Juan LaPorte was a disgraceful, foul-filled affair . . . The decision went to Pedroza . . . Weeks after the fight, the New Jersey Athletic Commission reversed the decision, awarding the fight to LaPorte . . . *The Ring* merely recognizes the decision as a bad one and the winner as being Pedroza . . . Overall record: 34-3, 23 knockouts.

JUAN LAPORTE

BORN: NOVEMBER 24, 1959, IN GUYAMA, PUERTO RICO . . . Resides in New York . . . Amateur record: 29-6, including the 112-pound NY Gold Gloves title in 1976 . . . Managed by Howard Albert, trained by Carlos Espada . . . Lost his 4th pro fight on a 6-round decision in 1978 . . . Won 11 straight bouts after that before bowing in 15 rounds in an attempt to win the WBC Featherweight title from Salvador Sanchez on December 13, 1980 in El Paso . . . Gave Sanchez all the trouble he could handle early, but tired quickly and only determination kept him up for the full 15 rounds . . . Rode two knockouts into a USBA Featherweight title showdown against Rocky Lockridge, who had just lost a similar decision to WBA Champ Eusebio Pedroza . . . Knocked Lockridge cold in the 2nd round on August 22, 1981 to vault back into the featherweight picture . . . In his next outing, LaPorte struggled to a 10-round decision over trialhorse Edwin Luis Rivera to close out 1981 . . . Juan was cut over the left eye and in danger of having the fight stopped as early as the fifth round . . . Faced off against WBA Champion Pedroza in January, 1982 . . . Took the fight to the champion again, as is his trademark, to win the first three rounds . . . Nearly knocked the champion down with a dynamite right that turned Pedroza's knees to jello in the third round . . . Pedroza fought a dirty, low-blow, head-and-elbows fight the rest of the way which wore down LaPorte . . . At the end, it was a unanimous decision for the still-champ, despite having two points taken away for his dirty tactics . . . The New Jersey Athletic Commission, which sanctioned the Atlantic City bout, has since reversed the decision and received support from other state commissions, but the WBA will not take the title away from Pedroza . . . LaPorte can only hope the WBA rules to give him a mandatory rematch, but at press time, no such decision had been rendered . . . Juan kept in shape with a unanimous decision over Rivera in their July rematch on the WBC title Sanchez-Azumah Nelson undercard at Madison Square Garden . . . Overall record: 20-3, 12 KO's.

MARIO MIRANDA

BORN APRIL 15, 1959 IN BARRANQUILLA, COLOMBIA . . . At 6'1" may be the world's tallest featherweight . . . Eight heavyweight champs were shorter . . . Featherweight opponents are stymied by the height and reach factor . . . Is difficult to outbox and possesses deceptive power . . . Managed by Ivan Jimenez . . . Won Colombian featherweight title with 11th-round kayo of Armando Perez in October, 1980 . . . Is a favorite of WBC who have him pegged at number one ahead of several more accomplished fighters . . . With death of Sanchez he will wind up fighting for vacant WBC title . . . Was given break in his last fight in home country of Colombia . . . Was hammered to canvas by Marcos Villasana . . . Referee declared Villasana unable to continue due to cut sustained later over eye and awarded Miranda TKO . . . Villasana thought otherwise as did many observers . . . Knocked out Rigoberto Riasco earlier this year . . . Overall record: 22-0, 13 knockouts.

ROCKY LOCKRIDGE

BORN ON JANUARY 30, 1955 . . . HEIGHT 5'5" . . . WON 210 out of 218 amateur fights . . . Hoped to compete in the 1976 Olympics, but monetary needs forced Rocky to work at nightclubs with his band . . . Plays drums and sings . . . Has best balance in the featherweight division . . . Is artful at dodging, blocking and slipping punches . . . Fought his first two pro fights in native state of Washington before moving to Paterson, New Jersey . . . Took 16-0 record into title fight against Eusebio Pedroza on October 4, 1980 . . . The first half of the fight belonged to Lockridge, the last half to Pedroza, who held onto his title . . . Won four straight afterward and met Juan LaPorte on August 22, 1981 in Las Vegas . . . Rocky was caught with a tremendous right in the second round and knocked out . . . On the comeback trail in 1982 he's won five straight by KO . . . Overall record 27-2-0, 22 knockouts.

RUBEN CASTILLO

BORN DECEMBER 19, 1957 . . . OUTSTANDING BOXER, solid chin . . . Bakersfield, California resident turned pro in January, 1975 at age 17 . . . Has been the most active contender in any division . . . Won fourteen fights in first year, nine in second, staying undefeated . . . Was part of U.S. Championship tourney in 1977 and won two fights before scandal aborted competition . . . Fought "only" six times in 1978, but did double that in 1979 . . . Carried amazing 48-0 record into ring when he challenged Alexis Arguello for WBC junior lightweight title on January 20, 1980 . . . Put up gallant effort but didn't have strength to hold off champ, who stopped him in 11th . . . Put up even better effort in featherweight title fight that April but champion Salvador Sanchez turned it on in the last round and took unanimous decision . . . Title fight losses took a lot out of him . . . Closed out year by drawing with James Martinez . . . Won six more in 1981 but opened this year with draw against Austriberto Perez in Mexico . . . Got

back on track with kayo of Manuel Vasquez in April . . . Has never fought east of Lone Star state . . . Overall record: 58-2-2, 30 knockouts.

PAT COWDELL

BORN ON AUGUST 18, 1953 IN WARLEY, ENGLAND . . . Came from a family of fighters . . . Began boxing at Warley Amateur Club at age of 9 . . . Was one of Britain's all-time best amateurs, losing only six times in more than 300 contests . . . Won British amateur bantamweight, lightweight and featherweight championships . . . Won bantamweight bronze medal in 1976 Olympics . . . Turned pro in summer of 1977 . . . Lost on cuts in second round to Alan Robertson in 1978 . . . Hasn't been stopped since . . . Lost on points to Dave Needham in challenge for British feather title in September, 1979 . . . Came back two months later to beat Needham for belt . . . Defended title successfully four times but could not get crack at European title which he coveted . . . Fought world champion Salvador Sanchez in Houston Astrodome in December, 1981 . . . Gave surprisingly good account of himself in losing title fight by split decision to great champion . . . Fast hands troubled Sanchez . . . Lack of power was Cowdell's undoing . . . Won European featherweight title on 10th-round knockout of Salvatore Melluzo in London in March of this year . . . Lives in England with Dutch wife and two sons . . . Overall record: 20-3, 8 knockouts.

JOSE CABA

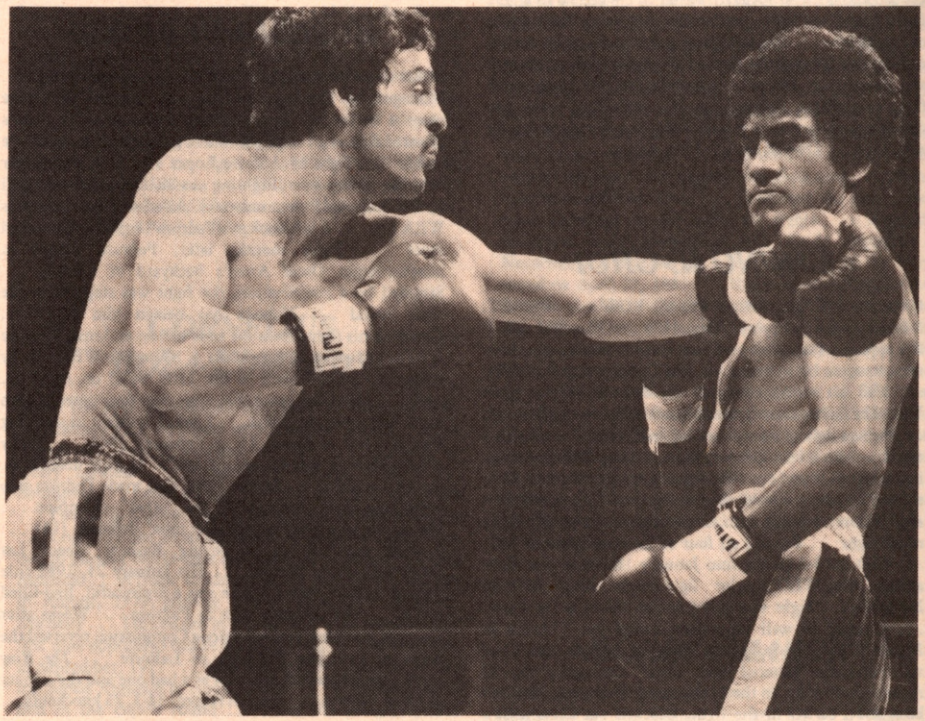
BORN IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC IN 1958 . . . EARLY record unknown, started pro career in Dominican Republic in 1976 . . . Good boxer, but somewhat loose on defense . . . Can be hit but hits hard himself, especially with the right . . . Hurt Danny "Little Red" Lopez in opening moments of featherweight title bout, September 25, 1979 . . . Didn't follow up and got KO'd by champ in third . . . Has not lost since . . . Only other loss came in 1978 on points to Noel Arriesgado . . . Has scored six KO's in last seven fights . . . Stopped Pedro Martinez this January and stopped Roland Avila in March . . . Beat young Detroit sensation Jackie Beard on points this May in Miami . . . Upset was televised nationally by ABC . . . Record starting with 1978: 20-2, 15 knockouts.

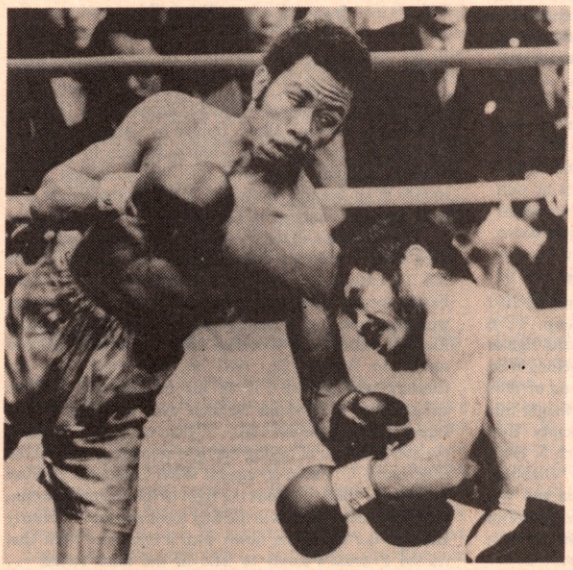
PAUL FERRERI

BORN ON JANUARY 1, 1948, IN SICILY, ITALY . . . RESIDES In Australia . . . Began his pro career in 1968 as a bantamweight . . . Ferrari can still make 118 pounds with little difficulty . . . Has been among the most active fighters in recent boxing history . . . In every year except 1979, Ferrari has fought at least four times . . . Because of various injuries, 1979 saw him fight only twice . . . 1969 was his best year, as he won all 11 of his fights . . . Included was a 15-round decision for the vacant Australian bantamweight title . . . Went undefeated in his first 28 fights before dropping a 10-round decision to Willie Cordova . . . Won the vacant Commonwealth bantamweight crown with a 15-round decision against John Kellie in September, 1972 . . . A June, 1976, 10-round decision against Rolando Navarrete put Ferrari in line for a shot at Carlos Zarate's WBC bantamweight title . . . Ferrari gave Zarate a hard fight, but was stopped on eyes cuts in the 12th round . . . In 1977, lost the Commonwealth bantamweight crown on points over 15 rounds to Sulley Shittu . . . Later that year, won the Commonwealth junior featherweight title by halting Brian Roberts and the Australian featherweight championship by stopping Roger Henry . . . From 1978 until present date, has fought 19 times, winning all but three . . . Fourteen of the fights were for some form of title . . . Overall record: 69-8-5, 20 knockouts.

MARCOS VILLASANA

TURNED PRO IN 1978 . . . BEGAN KNOCKING OPPONENTS out from the start . . . Halted five of his first six adversaries . . . Only Victor Banos was able to hold him to a 10-round draw . . . Lost back-to-back fights in 1979 . . . One was on a cut eye to Artemio Ramirez, the other on a close decision to Ambrosio Luna . . . Came back stronger than ever . . . Won four fights in 1980, three by knockout . . . In 1981, avenged his stoppage loss to Ramirez, halting him in the first round on January 31st . . . Won three more fights in 1981, including a fourth-round stoppage of tough Mexican Cenobio Nicolas . . . In a bout a few weeks ago, was on the verge of beating hot Colombian contender Mario Miranda . . . Then, Villasana suffered a cut eye . . . The fight, which took place in Colombia, was halted rather quickly . . . Villasana is a swarming, durable fighter who can give any featherweight in the world more than a little bit of trouble . . . Overall record: 16-3-1, 13 knockouts.





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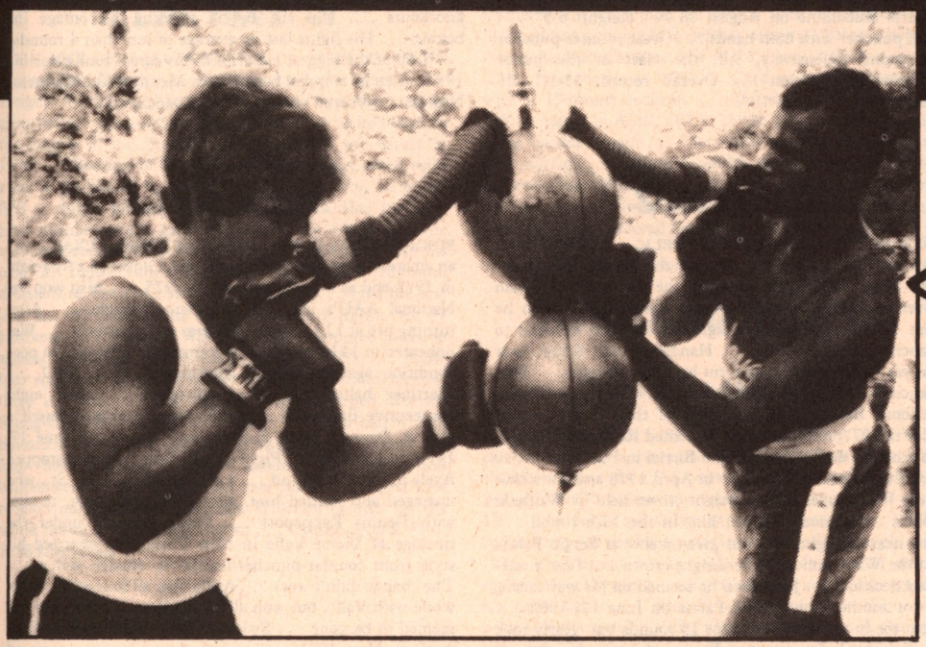

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AZUMAH NELSON

BORN ON JULY 19, 1958 IN ACCRA, GHANA . . . HEIGHT: 5'5" . . . Reach: 68" . . . Nickname: "The Terrible Terror" . . . Amateur record: 50-2 . . . Always comes to fight . . . Won three gold medals in international competition . . . Turned pro in 1979 . . . Won Ghanan featherweight title in second fight . . . Became African featherweight king in sixth fight and Commonwealth featherweight champ in tenth fight . . . Favorite fighters: Muhammad Ali, Joe Frazier and Sugar Ray Leonard . . . Managed by John Kermah . . . Trained by Floyd Robertson . . . Extremely durable . . . Stamina is unquestionable . . . Fearless . . . Fought Salvador Sanchez as if the great Mexican were nothing more than a first-round Golden Gloves opponent . . . Gave Sanchez one of his toughest battles before being stopped late in the 15th round . . . Overall record: 13-1, 10 KO's . . .

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS

WILFREDO GOMEZ

BORN: OCTOBER 29, 1956, IN LAS MONJAS, PUERTO RICO . . . Represented Puerto Rico in the 1972 Olympic games as a flyweight . . . Lost a decision in the second round of fights to Egypt's Mohamed Selim . . . Turned pro in November, 1974, with a six round draw against Jacinto Fuentes . . . Began reeling off a string of knockouts, which included a 2nd round kayo over Fuentes in their June, 1975 rematch, and which would not end until August 21st, 1981 . . . In May, 1977, he became the youngest (20 years old) man to win the junior featherweight title, a 12th round KO of WBC Super Bantamweight champion Dong-Kyun Yum . . . Defended the title 13 times by knockout, including a 5th round knockout of Baba Jimenez in March 1979 to win the undisputed World Junior Featherweight title . . . On August 21st, 1981, having difficulty making the junior featherweight (122) limit, and wanting bigger money, he took on WBC Featherweight champ Salvador Sanchez in Las Vegas . . . Gomez was the betting favorite, having been on a 32 consecutive knockout streak, but the day belonged to Sanchez . . . Gomez was not in the proper shape, coming in 3 pounds over the Featherweight limit at weigh-in time . . . Sanchez destroyed the Junior Featherweight's aura of invincibility with a first round knockdown, then cut up Gomez, the referree stopping it in the 8th round . . . Gomez had never been floored as a pro before . . . Still holds the records for highest knockout percentage by a champion (.946), most consecutive knockouts by a champion (32), most consecutive kayo's in title fights (14), and most consecutive knockouts in defense of his title (16)—having added three more this year with a 6th round stoppage of Juan Kid Meza in March, an eighth-round kayo of Juan Antonio Lopez on the Holmes-Cooney undercard June 11, and an eighth-round stoppage of Roberto Rubaldino on August 18 . . . Height: 5'5" . . . Hard puncher with both hands . . . Great counter-puncher and sound defensively, still the class of the junior featherweight division . . . Overall record: 35-1-1, 35 knockouts.

LEO CRUZ

BORN IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC . . . FINE BOXER with excellent stamina . . . Respectable power, though far from being the hardest hitter in the division . . . Began career in 1972 . . . Had fantastic year in 1973 when he went 12-0-1 . . . Lost first fight on disputed decision to Francisco Cruz in 1974 . . . Handed second defeat later that year when stopped on a cut by Livio Nolasco . . . Beat Francisco Cruz in a rematch in mid-1975 and decisioned Idelfonso Bethelmi in December of that year . . . Lost twice in 1977, once on a cut to talented Reynaldo Hidalgo, the other on decision to Aurelio Birriel in Puerto Rico . . . Beat Lupe Pintor by decision in April 1978 and got a shot at the WBC super bantamweight crown held by Wilfredo Gomez . . . Gomez stopped him in the 13th round . . . Won next six fights and was given a shot at Sergio Palma and the WBA junior featherweight crown . . . Lost a one-sided decision . . . Just when he seemed on his way down, he got another shot against Palma on June 12, 1982 . . . Went toe to toe with Palma for 15 rounds but clearly took the fight and the title . . . Plenty of heart . . . Overall record 38-5-2, 19 knockouts.

JAIME GARZA

BORN SEPTEMBER 10, 1959 IN SANTA CRUZ, CALIFORNIA . . . Height: 5'7" . . . Amateur record: 28-3, 15 knockouts . . . Managed by Bennie Georgino . . . Idolizes former stablemate Danny "Little Red" Lopez . . . Like Lopez, his chin can—and has—been reached . . . But, like Lopez, he comes back to stop his opponent . . . Without question the most exciting fighter in the division . . . Can punch hard with either hand . . . Has stopped 11 opponents in the first round and another eight in the second round . . . Turned pro in February, 1978. Knocked out his first three opponents in the opening round . . . Had his best year, statistically, in 1980, when he was 12-0, including 11 knockouts . . . Has the fastest winning percentage in boxing . . . His fights last an average of less than 4 rounds . . . Two of the biggest victories in his career took place in 1982, when he stopped both Carlos Mendoza and Carmelo Negron . . . Overall record: 35-0, 34 knockouts.

MIKE AYALA

BORN JANUARY 10, 1958, IN SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS . . . AS an amateur, won the National Golden Gloves as a flyweight in 1973 and as a bantamweight in 1975 . . . Also won the National AAU's in 1974 as a bantamweight . . . After turning pro at 17½, kayoed his first six opponents . . . Was unbeaten in 14 bouts when he stepped into the ring in poor condition against Rodolfo Martinez in May, 1977 . . . Martinez halted him in round seven . . . Won eight consecutive fights the next two years, earning himself a shot at Danny Lopez' featherweight crown on June 17, 1979 . . . In Ring's "Fight of the Year," Lopez stopped Ayala in the 15th round . . . Left his father, Tony Sr., who managed and trained him, after the Lopez fight, to sign with Dennis Rappaport . . . Began training under the tutelage of Victor Valle in New York, who changed his style from counter-puncher/mauler to elusive stylist . . . The change didn't work . . . Ayala won all four of his fights while with Valle, but won all by decision . . . The old fire seemed to be gone . . . Switched from Valle back to Papa Ayala in May, 1981 . . . Looked sharper as he outpointed Sergio Castro on May 26 . . . On August 4, he halted Angel Lira in the eighth round . . . Less than three weeks later, was back in the ring, decisioning Jose Resendez over 10 rounds . . . During the contest, Ayala looked weak . . . It was later discovered he fought with hepatitis . . . After a long rest, he has worked himself back into top shape and dreams of the day he can face Wilfredo Gomez for the world junior featherweight title . . . Overall record: 29-2, 13 knockouts.

SERGIO PALMA

BORN NEW YEAR'S DAY, 1956, IN LA TIGRA, CHACO, Argentina . . . Turned pro in January, 1976 . . . Won Argentine Junior Featherweight crown in October, 1977 . . . Defended title four times . . . In between also won the South American junior featherweight title . . Fought and lost to Ricardo Cardona in December, 1979, for the WBA junior featherweight crown by a fifteen-round decision . . . Won two fights while looking for a rematch with Cardona, but after Cardona lost crown to Leo Randolph in May, 1980, Palma went after the newly-crowned champion . . . August 9, 1980, Palma won the title by stopping Randolph in round five . . . Defended the title four times including a knockout of Cardona . . . June 12, 1982, lost title on tough rematch with Leo Cruz, whom he had decisioned before . . . Future in boxing now a question . . . Overall record 45-4-4, 15 knockouts.

RICARDO CARDONA

BORN ON NOVEMBER 9, 1952 IN PALENQUE DE SAN BASILIO, Colombia . . . At 5'8", possibly the world's tallest junior

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featherweight . . . Uses his height extremely well . . . A long, hard jab is his best weapon . . . Brought a 15-4-1 record into a 1978 title challenge against Korea's Soo-Hwan Hong . . . Won the crown via a 12th round kayo . . . Made two successful defenses that year and three more in 1979 before losing to Leo Randolph in May, 1980 on a 15th-round stoppage . . . Fought more rounds (102) in junior featherweight title fights than any other man . . . Attempted to wrest the title from Sergio Palma (the man who dethroned Randolph) in August, 1981 . . . Palma halted him in the 12th round . . . Overall record: 25-6-1, 13 knockouts.

LUPE PINTOR

BORN JOSE GUADALUPE PINTOR ON APRIL 3, 1955, IN Cuajimalpa, Mexico . . . Managed by Lupe Sanchez . . . Height: 5'4½" . . . Lives in the same run-down area he grew up in, only now in an expensive home he had built in the middle of the "barrio" . . . Began his pro career in 1974 . . . Because of his dire need for money, asked right away to be placed in 10-round fights . . . Won 12 of his first 13 fights, nine by way of stoppage . . . Had an eight-bout winning streak snapped in February 1976, when he was decisioned by Albert Davila . . . Proceeded to win his next 21 fights before dropping back-to-back 10-round decisions to Leo Cruz and Jose Luis Soto . . . Had his best year in 1977, when he won one dozen fights, all by knockout . . . Won the WBC title on a disputed decision against stablemate Carlos Zarate in June, 1979 . . . Made four successful defenses of the title in 1980 and another three in 1981 . . . On June 3, 1982, stopped Korea's Seung-Hoon Lee in the 11th round . . . Pintor had to pick himself off the canvas in the fifth round for the victory . . . Has been having trouble making the 118-pound bantamweight limit for the last two years . . . Expect him to soon move up and challenge Wilfredo Gomez for the world junior featherweight crown . . . Overall record: 48-5-1, 38 knockouts.

ROBERTO RUBALDINO

BORN ON JULY 16, 1955 IN MEXICO . . . BEGAN PRO career in 1975 with a ten round victory . . . Won Mexican bantamweight title in seventh fight . . . 1982 *Ring Record Book* shows incomplete record of Rubaldino and will be updated and corrected in 1983 . . . March 18, 1978, fought Jorge Lujan for world bantamweight title . . . Lujan stopped him in eleven rounds . . . Bounced back winning seven in a row including the NABF bantamweight title from Antonio Becerra . . . Great chin . . . Southpaw . . . October 6, 1979, fought Lujan in a rematch for the title . . . In a blistering battle, Rubaldino was stopped in the 15th round . . . Won all seven fights in 1981 including a ten-round decision over the recently dethroned Lujan . . . One win, by knockout in 1982 . . . Lost to Wilfredo Gomez on August 18, stopped in round eight because of cuts . . . Overall record 37-4-0, 25 knockouts.

JUAN (KID) MEZA

BORN MARCH 16, 1957 IN MEXICALI, MEXICO . . . ONE OF seven sons . . . Managed by Jimmy Montoya . . . Good boxer . . . Better puncher . . . Solid chin . . . Can fight at either 122 or 126 pounds . . . Amateur record: 31-6 . . . Began career in 1972 . . . Lost three of eight fights that year, all on decision . . . Went 30-2 from 1978 through 1981 . . . In June 1980, lost to world rated Carlos Mendoza . . . Should have lost in May 1980 against James Martinez on ESPN, but was gifted with the decision . . . In his next bout, gave perhaps his best performance on the undercard to Sanchez-Gomez . . . Stopped Carlos Mendoza in the tenth round . . . Lost badly in WBC Junior Featherweight title fight to Wilfredo Gomez by knockout in six rounds . . . Overall record 36-6-0, 29 knockouts.

SOON-HYUN CHUNG

BORN IN KOREA ON SEPTEMBER 30, 1954 . . . MADE HIS pro debut at 20 in Seoul, winning a four-round decision . . . Moved into the eight-round class in his second fight, winning by decision . . . Went right into the 10-round class in fight #3 . . . Dropped a close decision to Yong-Shul Choi . . . Went four-for-four in 1976, winning all by decision . . . On April 15, 1977, lost on points over 12 rounds to Ric Quijano for the OPBF title . . . The fight took place in Manila, Chung's first time fighting outside of Korea . . . Returned to Korea and kayoed three opponents . . . In a rematch against Quijano on April 2, 1978, this time in Seoul, Chung beat the defending OPBF junior featherweight champion on points over 12 rounds . . . Stopped two opponents in defense of the OPBF title before facing Ricardo Cardona, the WBA's junior featherweight titlist, in November, 1978 . . . Cardona retained his title with a 15-round decision . . . Outpointed Quijano in a rubber match in April, 1979 . . . On June 23 of that year, faced Cardona again . . . The result was the same as their first meeting . . . Knocked out his next five opponents in defense of the OPBF title . . . Lost the crown to world-class Willie Lucas on November 21, 1980 . . . Kayoed all three foes in 1981 . . . Overall record: 24-5, 14 knockouts.

BANTAMWEIGHTS

JEFF CHANDLER

BORN: SEPTEMBER 3, 1956 IN PHILADELPHIA . . . AT 5'7", extremely tall for a bantamweight . . . His 70-inch reach is also phenomenal for a 118-pound man. Managed by "KO" Becky O'Neill, a one-time vaudevillian, who stands just 4'8" . . . America's first bantamweight champ since 1950, began boxing at the Passyunk Gym outside Philadelphia in 1975 . . . Turned pro in 1976 with a four-round draw against Mike Dowling . . . Knew nothing about leverage in his early fights . . . Strictly an arm-puncher then, he stopped only one of his first nine opponents . . . A change came in 1978, when he learned how to put his body into a punch . . . Three successive knockouts resulted . . . Won the vacant USBA bantamweight crown in 1979 and the vacant NABF title in 1980 . . . Carried a 23-0-1 record into the ring against world champion Julian Solis on November 14, 1980 . . . Won the title with a 14th round stoppage in Miami Beach . . . It was Chandler's third successive knockout and seventh in his last eight fights . . . Has retained the title with a draw against Eijiro Murata, a decision over Jorge Lujan, an impressive stoppage of Julian Solis last July and Brilliant knockout of Murata in a rematch last December in Atlantic City . . . Those four successful defenses made him one of the top fighters of last year . . . Has only had one fight this year against Johnny "Dancing Machine" Carter . . . "I intend to hold the crown for a long, long time," claims Chandler . . . Overall record: 28-0-2, 15 knockouts.

CHUL-HO KIM

BORN ON MARCH 3, 1961, IN OHSAN, KOREA . . . AMA-teur record: 8-1, four knockouts . . . Height: 5'6" . . . Turned pro in October, 1978 . . . Before the year was over, had won six fights . . . The only active fighter—and one of the very few in history—to have fought on four successive days . . . Performed the feat on December 7, 8, 9 and 10 in 1978 . . . Won all four bouts by decision . . . A highly-skilled boxer who keeps improving every time he steps in the ring . . . Uses the "Peek-a-Boo" style of fighting . . . Although he fights in the fabricated "Super Flyweight" or "Junior Bantamweight" division, the limit which is 115 pounds, Kim can easily make 118 pounds and most likely give any bantamweight in the world a rough night . . . Won the WBC Junior Bantamweight Title with a 13th-round stoppage of Rafael Orono on January 25, 1981 . . . Retained it on July 29th that year by halting Willie Jensen, also in the 13th round . . . Made his second defense on November 18th, stopping Japan's Ryoetsu Maruyama in the ninth round . . . In 1982, halted Koki Ishii in round eight of a title defense . . . Overall record: 16-1-1, 7 knockouts.

FRANCISCO (KIKO) BEJINES

OLDEST OF THE FIGHTING BEJINES BROTHERS (THERE is also Oscar and David), Kiko was born in 1962 . . . His grandmother was a top female boxer in Mexico in the late '40's, early '50's . . . Her son, Francisco (whom she gave birth to when she was 13), is the father of the talented Bejines trio . . . He was a bantamweight contender in the mid-1950's . . . An accident cut his career short . . . Kiko is an action fighter who believes only in moving forward, not backing up . . . Turned pro in 1978 . . . Went 3-1 that year, losing a 10-round decision in his second fight . . . Was 3-1 in 1979, losing in December on a 12-round decision to Rosendo Alonso, the man who handed him his first loss . . . Dropped a 10-round decision in his next fight . . . Came back strong with four consecutive kayoe . . . Dropped a close 10-round decision to Oscar Muniz in December, 1980 . . . Had a big year in 1981 . . . His loss on cuts to world-class Gaby Canizales was his only defeat in eight outings . . . Included were stoppages of talented Adrian Arreola and former world bantamweight king Julian Solis . . . Has stopped Javier Flores and decisioned Jovito Rengifo in 1982 . . . Overall record: 19-5, 11 knockouts.

ALBERT DAVILA

BORN ON AUGUST 10, 1954, IN OLTON, TEXAS . . . FOR years had mistakenly been called Alberto by sportswriters . . . Manager: Bennie Georgino . . . Excellent boxer . . . Solid chin . . . Unquestionable stamina . . . His problem lies in the fact he lacks a big wallop . . . In his December 19, 1980 loss to champion Lupe Pintor on points, he had Pintor hurt several times late in the fight . . . Had he owned a big punch, he probably would still be champion today . . . Turned pro in 1973 . . . Statistically, had his best year then, winning all nine of his fights . . . His last four losses have been to Lupe Pintor for the WBC title (December 1980), Jorge Lujan for the world title (September 1978), Carlos Zarate (February 1978) and Wilfredo Gomez (July 1976) . . . After dropping the close decision to Pintor in December, 1980, Davila took one year off . . . He returned to action in January, 1982, halting Enrique Castro in the 10th and final round . . . Last March, he outpointed trialhorse Javier Flores over 10 rounds . . . Followed with a decision over Franco Torregoza and a second-round knockout against Chul Hwan Seul . . . Hopes for a rubber match against Pintor or a bout against Jeff Chandler . . . Overall record: 44-7, 20 knockouts.

OSCAR MUNIZ

BORN ON JUNE 7, 1959 . . . NICKNAMED "THE BOXER" . . . Managed by Bennie Georgino . . . Turned professional in August, 1976 . . . Fought four times that first year, losing once, on decision to Richard Rozelle . . . Fought at least seven times in each of the next four years as he learned his trade and improved with each outing . . . In addition to the Rozelle fight, has lost two other times . . . He dropped 10-round decisions to Leo Randolph (October, 1979) and Ruben Solario (June, 1980) . . . Won four fights in 1981, including a 12-round decision against Freddie Jackson for the NABF Bantamweight Title . . . Last February stopped Jose Coronado in the fifth round . . . Can fight at any weight from 118 to 122 pounds and be fast, strong and effective . . . His most impressive victories were over Mario Chavez (twice), Eddie Logan (twice), Joaquin Acuna and Koko Bejines . . . Overall record: 33-3-3, 21 knockouts.

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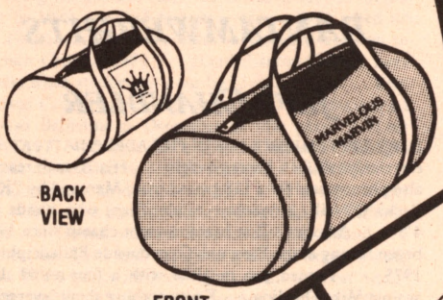

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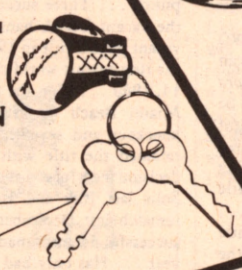

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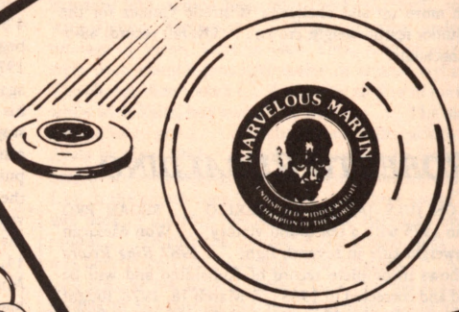

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EIJIRO MURATA

BORN ON NOVEMBER 30, 1956, IN SHIGA, JAPAN . . . Height: 5'5½" . . . Amateur record: 78-10, 43 knockouts . . . Reach: 66¾" . . . Trainer: Eddie Taunsend . . . Pro style: Counterpuncher . . . Best punch: Right cross . . . Began pro career in 1976 . . . Was a swarming, wild puncher then . . . Kayoed his first four opponents . . . Had his best year in 1977, when he was 6-0, including four knockouts . . . Since that time, has learned to settle down and pace himself . . . Won the OPBF bantamweight crown on December 14, 1978, beating Korea's Yung-Sik Kim on a 12-round decision . . . Fought Lupe Pintor for the title in June, 1980, narrowly missing victory with a 15-round draw . . . On April 5, 1981, became the first man in history to fight back-to-back draws in title fights, coming out even against Jeff Chandler . . . Rebounded from the Chandler draw to a one-sided, 12-round victory over Billy Abado for the OPBF bantamweight crown . . . Came to the United States to face Jeff Chandler in a rematch on December 10, 1981 . . . Gave a solid account of himself, but was no match for the ever-improving Chandler, and was stopped in the 13th round . . . Rumors abound that Murata is now, having fought unsuccessfully for the world crown three times, hinting at retirement . . . 19-1-3, 11 knockouts.

JOHNNY CARTER

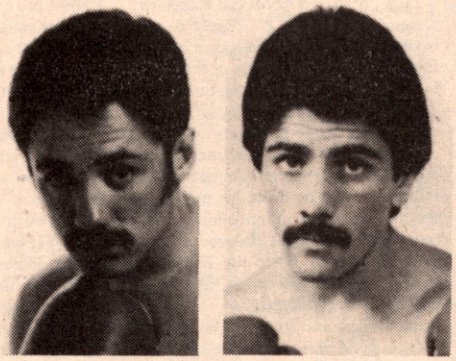
BORN IN 1959 . . . MANAGED BY BOBBY BOTTO . . . Fastest hands in the division . . . Defense is excellent, though he has tendencies to fall into defensive lapses . . . Turned pro in 1977 . . . Won his first 17 fights before dropping a 10-round decision to Sergio Catro on October 22, 1980 . . . In his next bout, stopped Mark Pacheco in the sixth round to win the USBA bantamweight title . . . Was 5-0 in 1981 . . . Should have been 4-1 . . . On October 1st, defended his USBA title vs. Diego Rosario on ESPN . . . In one of 1981's worst decisions, Carter was awarded the victory over 12 rounds . . . Avenged his lone loss his next time out, stopping Sergio Castro in the eighth round . . . Challenged Jeff Chandler for the world crown on March 27, 1981, in Philadelphia . . . Chandler stopped him in the sixth round . . . The bout was shown on NBC . . . Overall record: 23-2, 13 knockouts.

JIRO WATANABE

BORN ON MARCH 16, 1955, IN OSAKA, JAPAN . . . HEIGHT: 5'5" . . . Tireless southpaw who gets stronger as a fight goes on . . . Fought Chul-Ho Kim for the WBC super flyweight title in his 11th fight . . . Lost to the talented Kim by decision on April 22, 1981 . . . Finished the year by adding four victories to his record, three by knockout . . . On April 8, 1982, faced WBA junior bantamweight king Rafael Pedroza in Osaka, Japan . . . In an exciting, but one-sided fight, Watanabe beat Pedroza by decision . . . One of the scoring officials gave Watanabe every round . . . The victory made him Japan's 21st world champion . . . On July 29th, stopped Argentina's Gustavo Ballas in the ninth round of what had been a thrilling contest in Osaka . . . Ballas, who had lost only one of 59 previous fights, took a straight left to the chin early in the round . . . He staggered into the ropes, with Watanabe all over him . . . Watanabe threw punches incessantly . . . Finally, Ballas shook his head, indicating he had had enough . . . Watanabe is a graduate of Japan's Ottemon University . . . He is an expert in Kempo, a form of karate . . . Overall record: 16-1-1, 11 knockouts.

FREDDIE (THE PEBBLE) JACKSON

TURNED PRO IN 1977 . . . WON THAT FIRST FIGHT BY A one-sided six-round decision . . . Added five more victories in 1978, four by way of knockout . . . By the end of 1979, was 9-0 . . . Unfortunately for Jackson, six of the victories were in Little Rock, Arkansas, and Memphis, Tennessee . . . He received little or no national exposure for the victories . . . Began fighting out of Houston, Texas, in 1980 . . . That year, he won his first five fights . . . He drew over 10 rounds, in his sixth bout of the year . . . The draw was against veteran Mario Chavez . . . After a January, 1981 decision against Humberto Rodriguez in Houston, Jackson was matched against world-rated Oscar Muniz for the NABF bantamweight crown . . . Jackson lost on points over 12 rounds . . . On May 2nd, took a fight on last-minute notice in Mexico City . . . His lack of preparation and the high altitude—along with the ferocity of Jorge Ramirez' attack—led to Jackson being stopped in the second round . . . Came back strong the remainder of the year with three victories . . . A boxer/puncher with extremely fast hands . . . Sturdy chin . . . Better-than-average wallop in both fists . . . Overall record: 19-2-1, 12 knockouts.



RAFAEL ORONO

FORMER WBC SUPER FLYWEIGHT CHAMPION . . . BORN August 30, 1958 in Venezuela . . . Had strong amateur background . . . Managed by Rafito Cedeno . . . Turned pro in February, 1979 scoring four-round win over Victor Idrogo in Caracas . . . Fights frequently . . . Won five more fights that first year before taking on and beating Edgar Roman in September for Venezuelan bantamweight championship . . . Closed rookie year with three more victories before being slotted to compete for championship of WBC's newly-created super flyweight division . . . An excellent boxer with fast hands, he defeated Korean Seung-Hoon Lee for title but injured his hands in process . . . Retained title by decision against Ramon Soria in first defense but could do no better than draw with Willie Jensen in his next one . . . Finally putting it all together, he ended 1980 with third-round knockout of Jovito Rengifo in title fight . . . Opened 1981 by defending title against Chul-Ho Kim . . . Appeared to be on way to victory, not losing any of the first eight rounds . . . He was counted out by referee Zach Clayton at 2:16 of the ninth . . . Trying to fight way back to top, he fought and won six more fights in '81 . . . Still looking for title shot . . . Overall record: 21-1-1, 9 knockouts.

FLYWEIGHTS

FREDDIE CASTILLO

BORN ON JUNE 15, 1955 IN MERIDA, YUCATAN, MEXICO . . . Managed by Jorge (Fito) Jimenez . . . Turned pro at 16 against another 16-year-old—Guty Espadas, who would become WBA flyweight champion in five years . . . Espadas stopped him in round four . . . Won his next three fights before dropping a four-round decision to Romulo Cortes in January 1972 . . . Spent the next four years in club fights, mostly in Merida . . . It wasn't until he beat young prospect Antonio Avelar on points in February 1977 that the boxing world took notice of his vast boxing talents . . . Followed that win with another outstanding victory, a ten-round decision against Juan Jose Guzman . . . Fought seven times in 1977, winning all impressively . . . February 19, 1978, fought 36-year-old WBC junior flyweight champion, Luis Estaba for the title in Caracas . . . Halted him in the 14th round . . . With little training, defended the title less than three months later against Thailand's Netrnoi Sor Vorasingh . . . Lost the title on a fifteen-round decision . . . Returned that year with dual 10th round knockouts of Juan Alvarez and Antonio Avelar . . . Lost next three fights—two to Jose Gallegos and one to Hilario Zapata . . . Lost two of five fights in 1980 . . . Seemed to regain old form in 1981 taking vacant NABF flyweight title with eighth round knockout of Gabriel Bernal . . . Beat Lupe Acosta in first fight of 1982 . . . Took the world fly-weight title from Prudencio Cardona this past summer . . . Overall record: 41-12-4, 25 knockouts.

SANTOS LACIAR

BORN SANTOS BENIGNO LACIAR ON JANUARY 31, 1959, in Huinca Renanco, Cordoba, Argentina . . . Turned pro in December, 1976, with a second-round knockout . . . Since then, has been the busiest flyweight in the world, fighting at least eight times per year in each of the following years . . . Had his best year, statistically, in 1977, when he went undefeated in 13 outings . . . Included that year were two draws . . . Lost his first fight on December 1, 1978, dropping a 10-round decision to Ramon Soria, against whom he drew with eight months earlier . . . A combination puncher with extremely fast hands, Laciar has little knockout power . . . He has fought 10 or more rounds four times . . . Won the vacant Argentine Flyweight Title by decisioning Miguel Lazarte over 12 rounds, February 27, 1980 . . . Added the South American Flyweight Crown to his collection six months later by beating Jaime Miranda . . . Faced Peter Mathebula for the WBA Flyweight Title on March 28, 1981 . . . Won the crown with a seventh-round stoppage of Mathebula . . . Lost the title nine weeks later on points to Luis Ibarra in Buenos Aires . . . The decision—and title—were stolen from Laciar by WBA officials . . . On May 1, 1982, regained the crown by halting defending champion Juan Herrera—who had whipped Ibarra in September, 1981 . . . Overall record: 43-6-9, 15 knockouts.

HILARIO ZAPATA

BORN AUGUST 19, 1958 OUTSIDE PANAMA CITY IN Panama . . . Fought twice in 1977, his first year, winning both by knockout . . . At 5'6½", one of the world's tallest flyweights . . . Southpaw . . . Managed by Luis Spada . . . Exactly one year after pro debut, 6-0 Zapata faced 26-bout pro, the former WBA flyweight king and fellow Panamanian Alfonso Lopez . . . The bout was for the vacant Latin American junior flyweight title . . . Lopez won a close decision . . . Zapata came back with four consecutive victories in 1979, including a decision over former WBC junior flyweight champion Freddie Castillo . . . Won the WBC junior flyweight title with a 15-round decision against Shigeo Nakajima in March, 1980 . . . Was surprised by Mexico's Amado Ursua when he was stopped in the second round early in 1982 . . . Regained the title by winning a split-decision against Tadashi Tomori on July 20th . . . Overall record: 20-2, eight knockouts.

PRUDENCIO CARDONA

BORN ON DECEMBER 22, 1951, IN SAN BASILIO DE PALENque, Colombia . . . Older brother of former WBA Junior Featherweight king Ricardo Cardona . . . Turned pro in November, 1973 . . . Won his first seven fights before dropping an eight-round decision to Henry Diaz in Cartagena, September 29, 1974 . . . It was the first time Cardona had fought outside of Barranquilla, Colombia . . . After two more victories, lost another decision—in Cartagena—Returned with a major upset victory by

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stopping Reyes Arnal in the fifth round . . . Upped his winning streak to six before suffering back-to-back losses to Nestor Jiminez and former flyweight king Betulio Gonzalez . . . Had his biggest year in 1978 when he fought three times, beating Alfonso Lopez, Luis Ibarra and Jesus Caicedo, all on decision . . . Faced Ibarra in a rematch on February 17, 1979 . . . Three months later, ventured to Seoul, Korea, where he was outpointed by Sung-Hoon Lee over 10 rounds . . . Two victories in 1980 and another one in 1981—all by knockout—put him in with world flyweight king Antonio Avelar in early 1982 . . . A right to the temple knocked out Avelar in the opening round . . . Lost the title on points in his first defense to Freddie Castillo . . . Overall record: 26-7, 18 knockouts.

KATSUO TOKASHIKI

BORN ON JULY 27, 1960, IN OKINAWA, JAPAN . . . HEIGHT: 5'2" . . . Managed by Masaki Kanehira . . . Turned pro on December 28, 1978 . . . Easily decisioned his opponent over four rounds . . . Fought seven times in 1979, all in four-rounders . . . Won six of the fights by decision, drew in the other . . . Fought in two six-rounders leading off 1980 . . . Won the first by decision, lost the other—to Chong-Chul Park—on points . . . It remains his only loss . . . Moved into the eight-round class after the loss to Park . . . Won his first eight-rounder on points . . . Was so impressive that he made his next bout a 10-rounder . . . Stopped his opponent in the ninth round . . . After two 10-round decisions and a 10th-round knockout in 1981, was matched against Hwan-Jin Kim for the WBA junior flyweight title on December 16th . . . Won the title with a one-sided, 15-round decision . . . In 1982, has outpointed Lupe Madera and stopped Masahuru Inami in defense of his title . . . Fights at a tremendously fast pace . . . Quicker on his feet than most flyweights and junior flyweights . . . Overall record: 16-1-1, three knockouts.

TADASHI TOMORI

BORN ON DECEMBER 28, 1959, IN JAPAN . . . HEIGHT: 5'3" . . . Managed by former Orient flyweight king Hitoshi Misako . . . Exceptional boxer with little power . . . Turned pro in May, 1978 . . . By the end of the year was 7-0 . . . On May 24, 1979, brought a 9-0 record into an eight-round bout against Puma Koya . . . Koya won the bout by decision . . . After winning his next two bouts, dropped a 10-round decision to Kazunori Tenryu on November 19, 1979 . . . The bout was for the Japanese junior flyweight crown . . . Faced Tenryu three months later . . . In a hail of punches, stopped Tenryu in the first round . . . Then went after—and received—a rematch against Koya . . . The bout took place on April 20, 1980 . . . Tomori easily outpointed him over 10 rounds . . . Lost the Japanese junior flyweight title on August 29, 1980, when he was outpointed over 10 rounds by Shuichi Hozumi . . . Lost on points in his following fight three months later . . . The man who beat him was world-class Masaharu Inami . . . Fought three times in 1981, losing one of them on a hairline 10-round decision to Young-Hyun Kim in August . . . Won the WBC junior flyweight title with a majority 15-round decision last April 13th in Tokyo . . . Overall record: 19-5

JUAN HERRERA

FORMER WBA WORLD FLYWEIGHT CHAMPION . . . BORN January 12, 1958 in Merida, Yucatan, Mexico . . . Started pro career as a junior flyweight in March, 1976 . . . Won all eight fights that first year . . . Sidelined by injuries for much of 1977 but managed to fight twice including six-round loss to Mario Chavez in San Diego . . . Kayoed five straight foes in 1978 . . . Took Yucatan state fly title with 12-round points win over Antonio Benitez in September, 1979 . . . Added seven more wins before dropping ten-round decision to Jose Herrera in November, 1979 . . . Had best year in 1981 . . . Whipped Rodolfo Martinez in ten and then halted world-ranked Amado Ursua in eighth . . . Knocked out Elfego Lopez in title tune-up and then kayoed WBA champ Luis Ibarra in 11 on September 26 to win crown . . . Closed the year with seventh-round knockout of former champ Betulio Gonzalez, retaining title . . . Lost title in May of this year to Santos Laciar on 13th-round stoppage . . . It was only second loss and first time he'd ever been stopped . . . Will have to fight way back to another title shot . . . Overall record: 30-3-0, 19 by knockout.

ANTONIO AVELAR

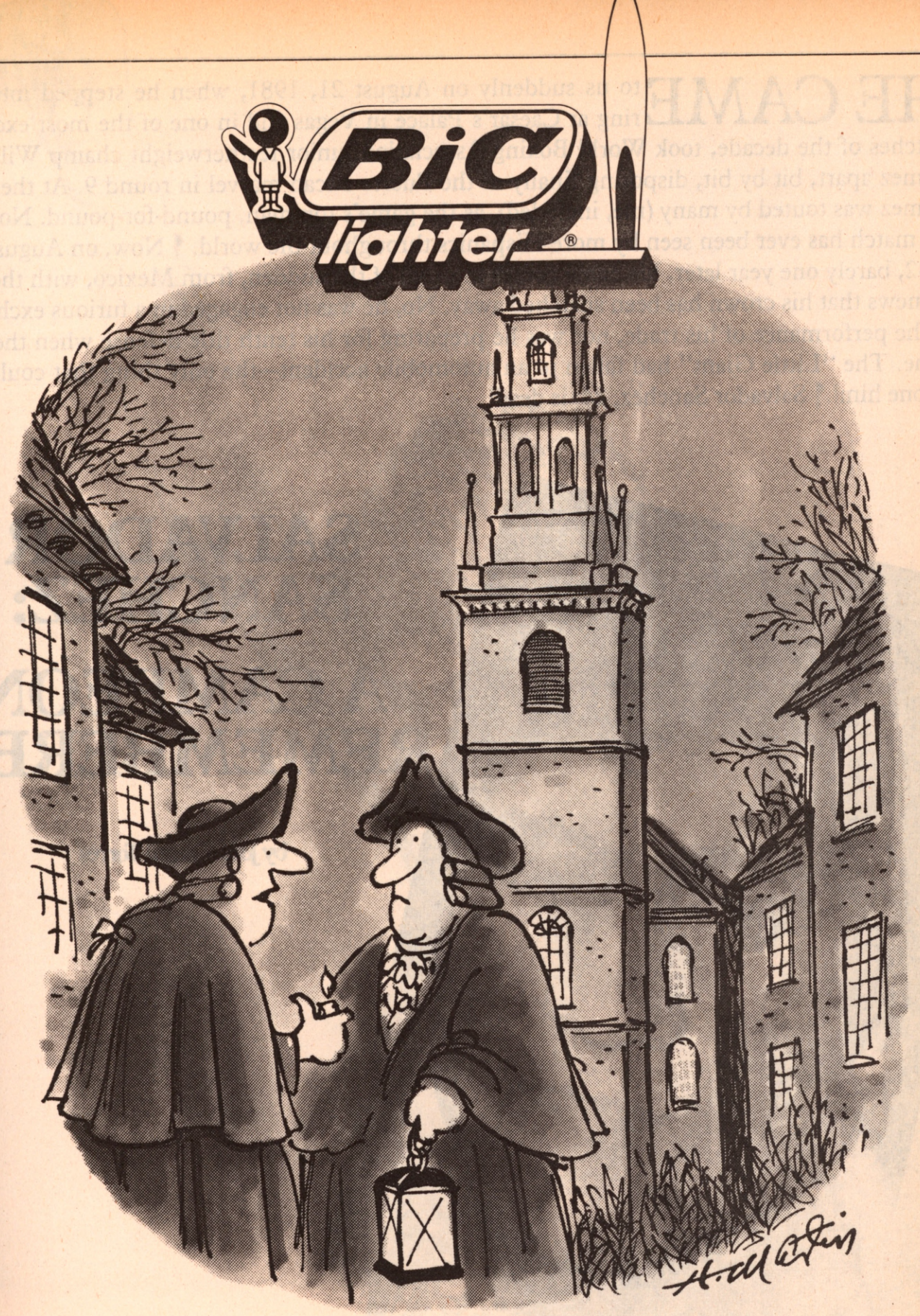
BORN ON SEPTEMBER 3, 1958 . . . HEIGHT: 5'4" . . . Managed by Angel Casillas . . . Turned pro in hometown of Guadalajara . . . Five of his nine career losses came as a teenager . . . Lost a 15-round decision to Miguel Canto on February 10, 1979 for Canto's world title . . . Championship victory over Shoji Oguma for the world title last May 12 . . . Likes to stand flat-footed and trade punches . . . Knocked out Korean, Tae-Shik Kim last August 30 to retain title . . . Lost title this year to Prudencio Cardona in a one-round knockout . . . Now waits eagerly for a re-match . . . Overall record 26-9-1, 21 knockouts.

RAFAEL PEDROZA

BORN ON JULY 3, 1955 OUTSIDE PANAMA CITY, PANAMA . . . Cousin of WBA featherweight king Eusebio Pedroza . . . Turned pro in November, 1974, halting his opponent in the third round . . . Kayoed his first seven opponents . . . Made it eight straight with a sixth-round kayo of John Cajima in February, 1976 . . . Had his knockout streak ended but continued his winning streak by decisioning Pablito Jiminez in June, 1976 . . . Was physically unprepared when he stepped in the ring to battle Luis Estaba for the WBC Light Flyweight Title in May, 1977 . . . Estaba outpointed him over 15 rounds . . . Dropped a 10-round decision to Luis Ibarra five months later . . . Attempted to win the WBA Light Flyweight Title from Yoko Gushiken in July, 1979, but was outpointed by southpaw Gushiken . . . Lost four of his next seven fights, including a decision to Gustavo Ballas in October, 1980 . . . Faced Ballas 14 months later, after the Argentine had won the vacant WBA Junior Bantamweight Title . . . The fight, in front of a packed stadium in Panama City, was one of 1982's top fights, providing championship action in each of the 15 rounds . . . Pedroza won the decision—and the title . . . Lost the crown by decision to Japan's Jiro Watanabe last April 8 . . . Tough, aggressive fighter who throws lots of punches per round . . . Solid chin . . . Overall record: 19-8-1, 15 knockouts.

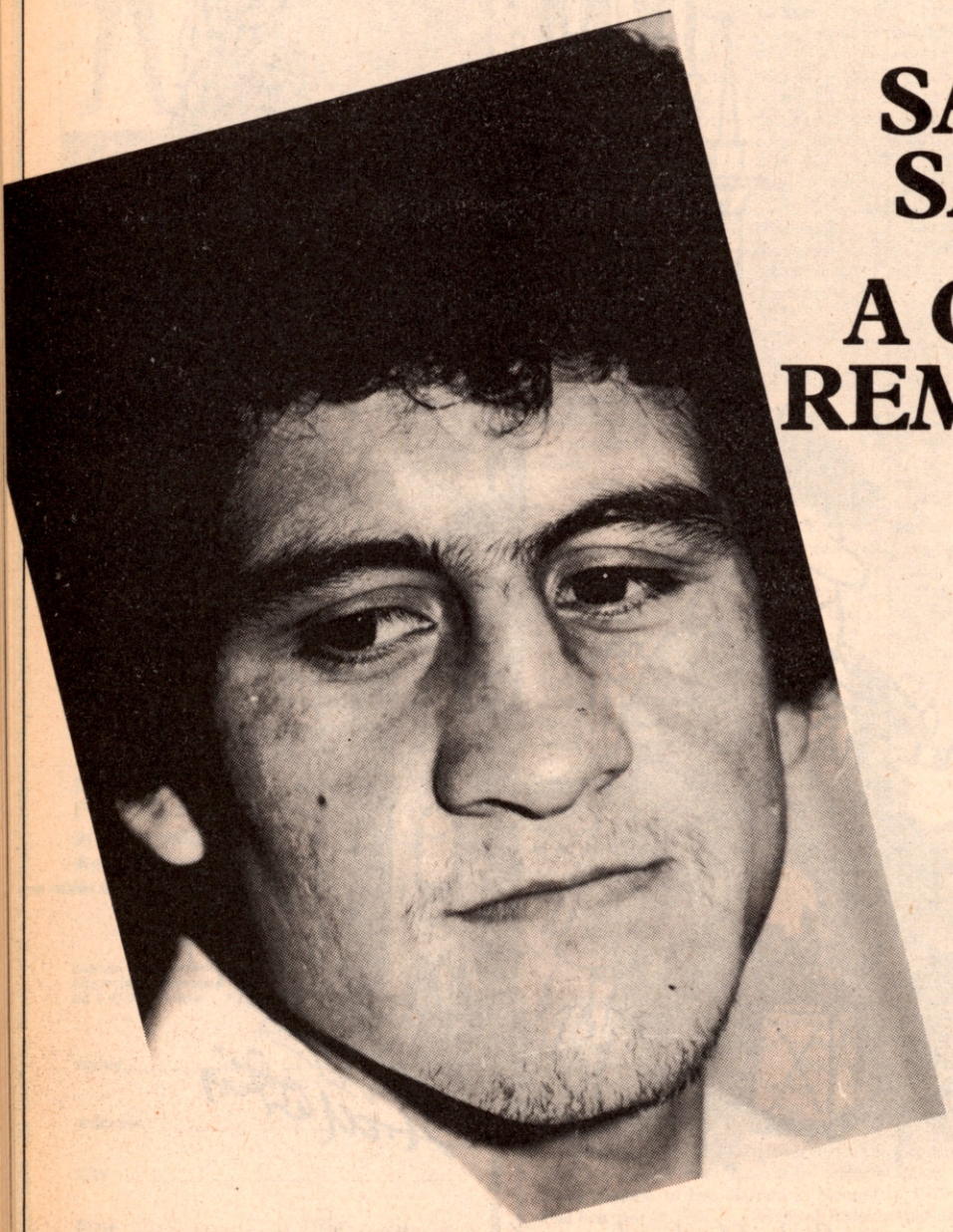
GUSTAVO BALLAS

BORN ON FEBRUARY 10, 1958, IN VILLA MARIA, ARGENTINA . . . Amateur record: 26-1 . . . Trained by Francisco Bermudez . . . Turned pro in 1976 . . . Fought nine fights in 1977, 10 in 1978, 11 in 1979, 12 in 1980 and another dozen times in 1981 . . . Magnificent stylist with exceptional hand speed . . . One of the division's best counterpunchers . . . Has little power . . . Won his first 24 fights before being held to a 10-round draw by fellow countryman Jose R. Narvaez, currently a world-rated bantamweight . . . On September 12, 1981, won the newly-created WBA Junior Bantamweight Title with an eighth-round knockout of Korea's Suk Chul-Bae . . . On December 5, 1981, Ballas defended the title for the first time . . . His opponent was Rafael Pedroza, a gritty, determined Panamanian . . . The fight, which took place in Panama City and was shown live on ESPN, turned into one of the year's best fights . . . There were 15 rounds of action and very few clinches as Ballas and Pedroza swapped combinations all night long . . . When it was over, Pedroza had emerged with the split decision verdict and the title . . . Recently stopped by Jiro Watanabe in the ninth round . . . Overall record: 56-2-1, 20 knockouts.



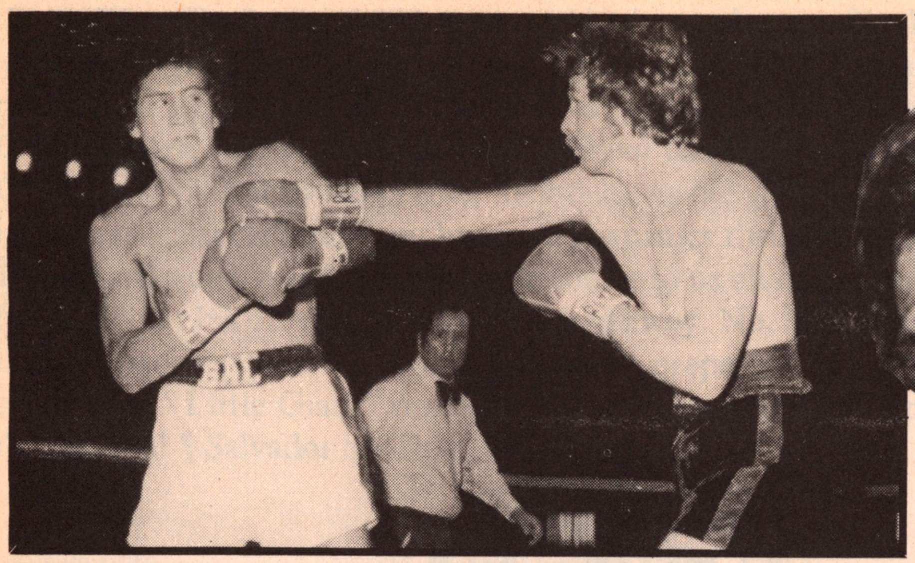
"Remember. . . one flick if by land, two if by sea."

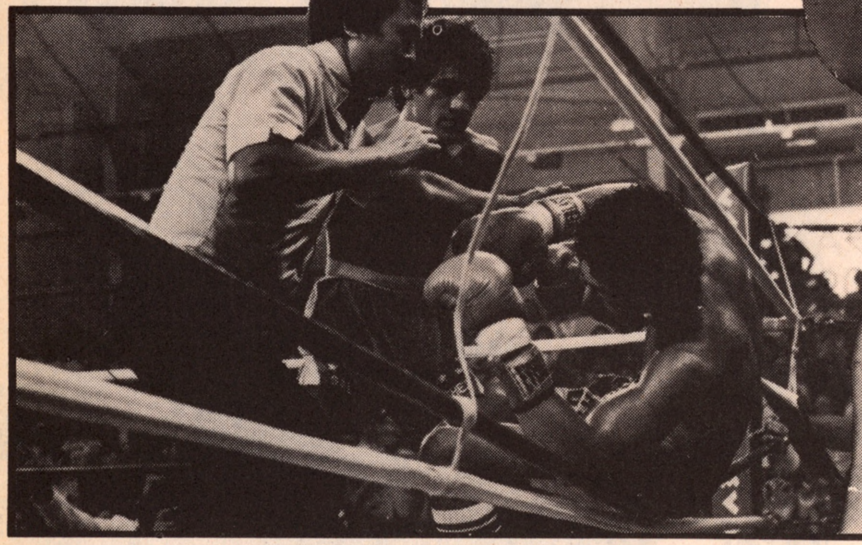
HE CAME to us suddenly on August 21, 1981, when he stepped into the ring at Caesar's Palace in Vegas and in one of the most exciting matches of the decade, took World Boxing Association junior featherweight champ Wilfredo Gomez apart, bit by bit, disposing finally of the Puerto Rican marvel in round 9. At the time Gomez was touted by many (me, included), as the game's top man, pound-for-pound. No boxing match has ever been seen by more Hispanics throughout the world. ¶ Now, on August 12, 1982, barely one year later, his name comes to us all of the sudden, from Mexico, with the awful news that his crown has been snatched away. No, he was not engaged in a furious exchange in the performance of his trade, nor was he preparing for his tenth title defense when the end came. The "Little Giant" had fallen to an automobile accident—the only thing that could dethrone him! ¶ Salvador Sanchez, 24, is dead!

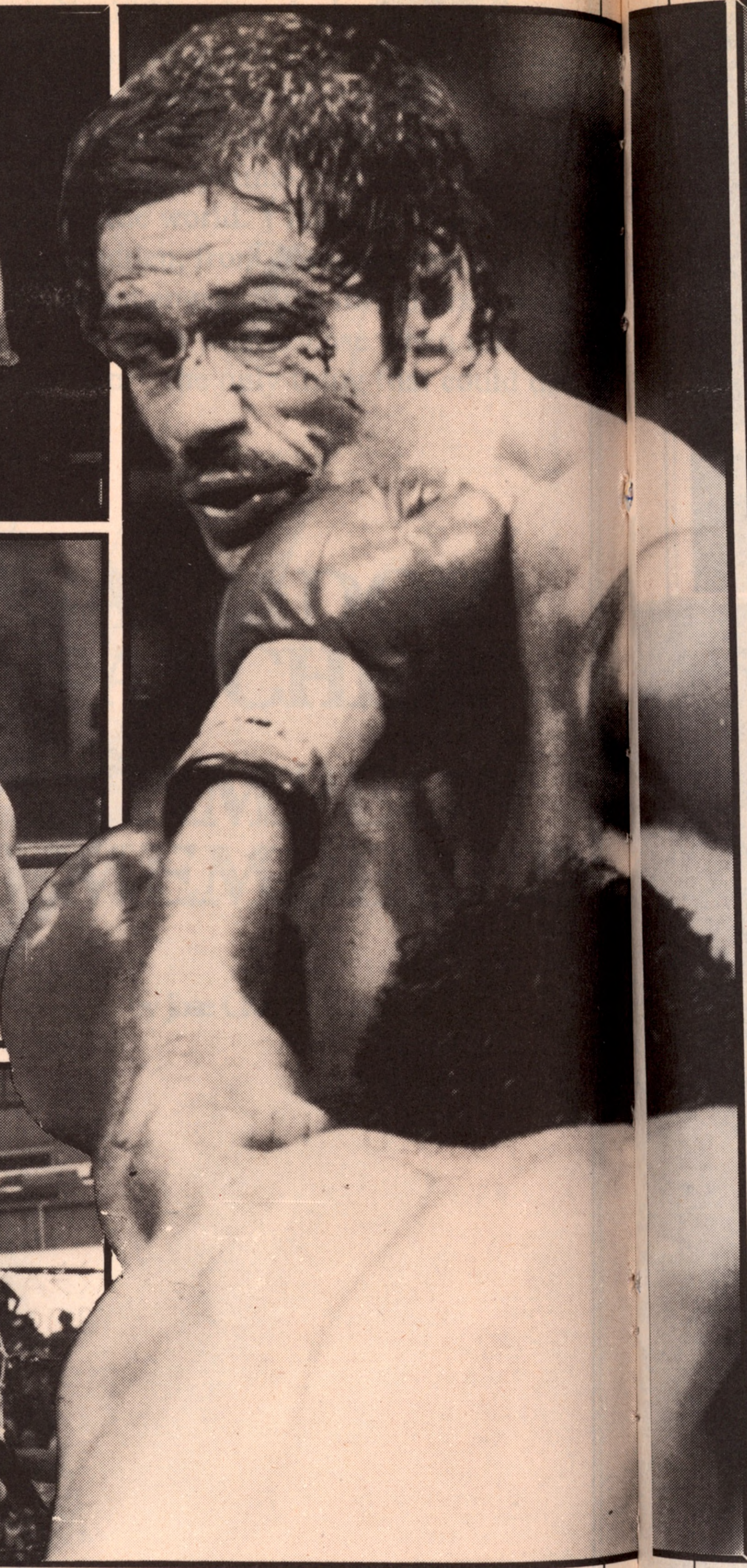


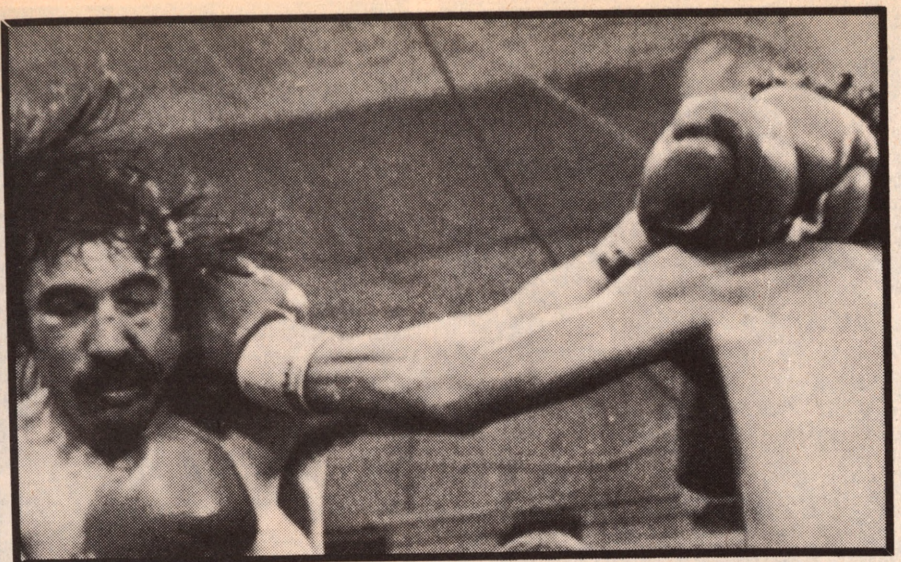
SALVADOR SANCHEZ: A CAMPEON REMEMBERED

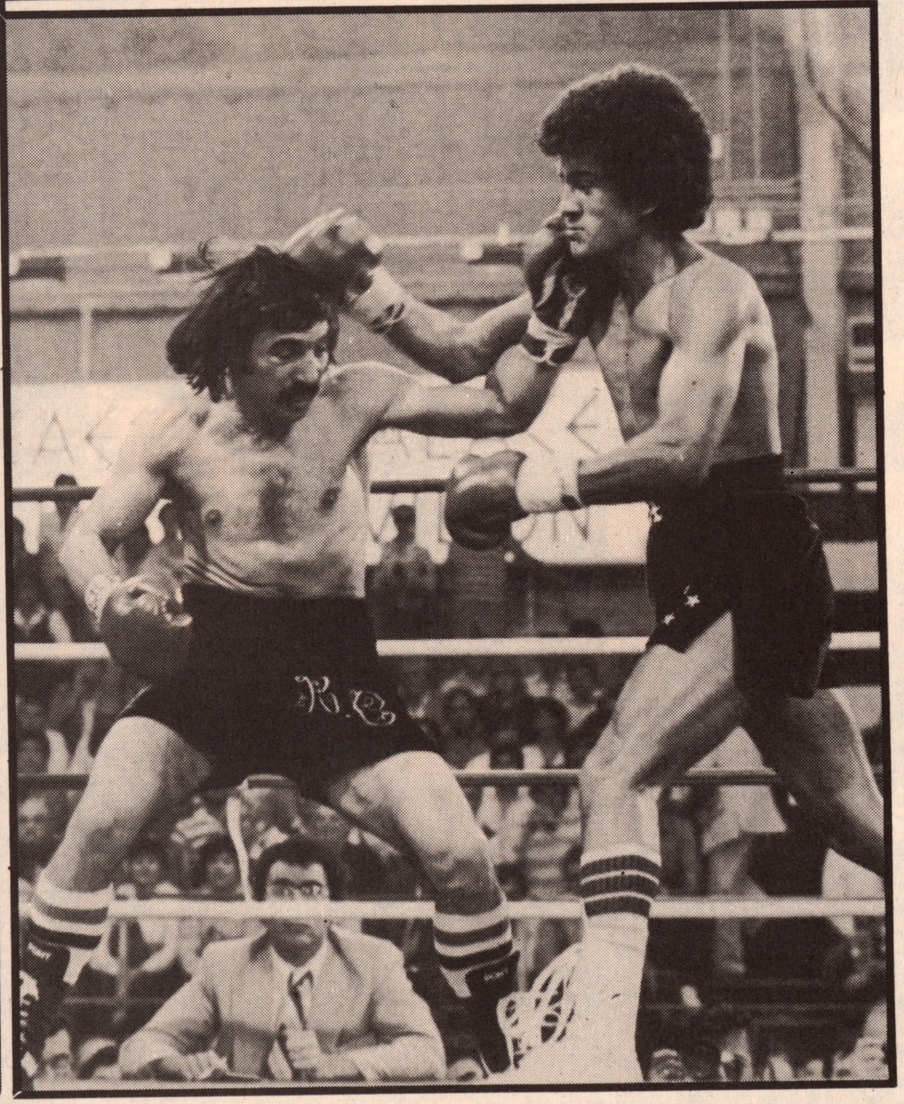
by Jose Chegui Torres











HE WAS DRIVING HIS NEW PORCHE 928 on a San Luis de Potosi highway, enroute to his San Jose Iturbide boxing training camp. He tried to pass a truck and miscalculated. Next, people were getting this demolished body out of his wrecked car. The man's face was so mauled that only papers found in his wallet revealed the identity of one of Mexico's modern heroes.

I met him in Vegas on the day before he was to defend his featherweight title against Gomez. I came out of the 45-minute interview convinced that Gomez was going to have the fight of his life. Sanchez was bright, sharp, articulate, and knew his business inside out.

"Gomez is an outstanding boxer," he told me that morning, in Spanish, "and I expect to have a tough, interesting fight." He had a perpetual smile and a charm that would disarm the most cynical. "What Gomez may find out in this match," he continued, "is that I'm not going to fall with the first punch he hits me with and that I'll be there with my counter everytime he throws one."

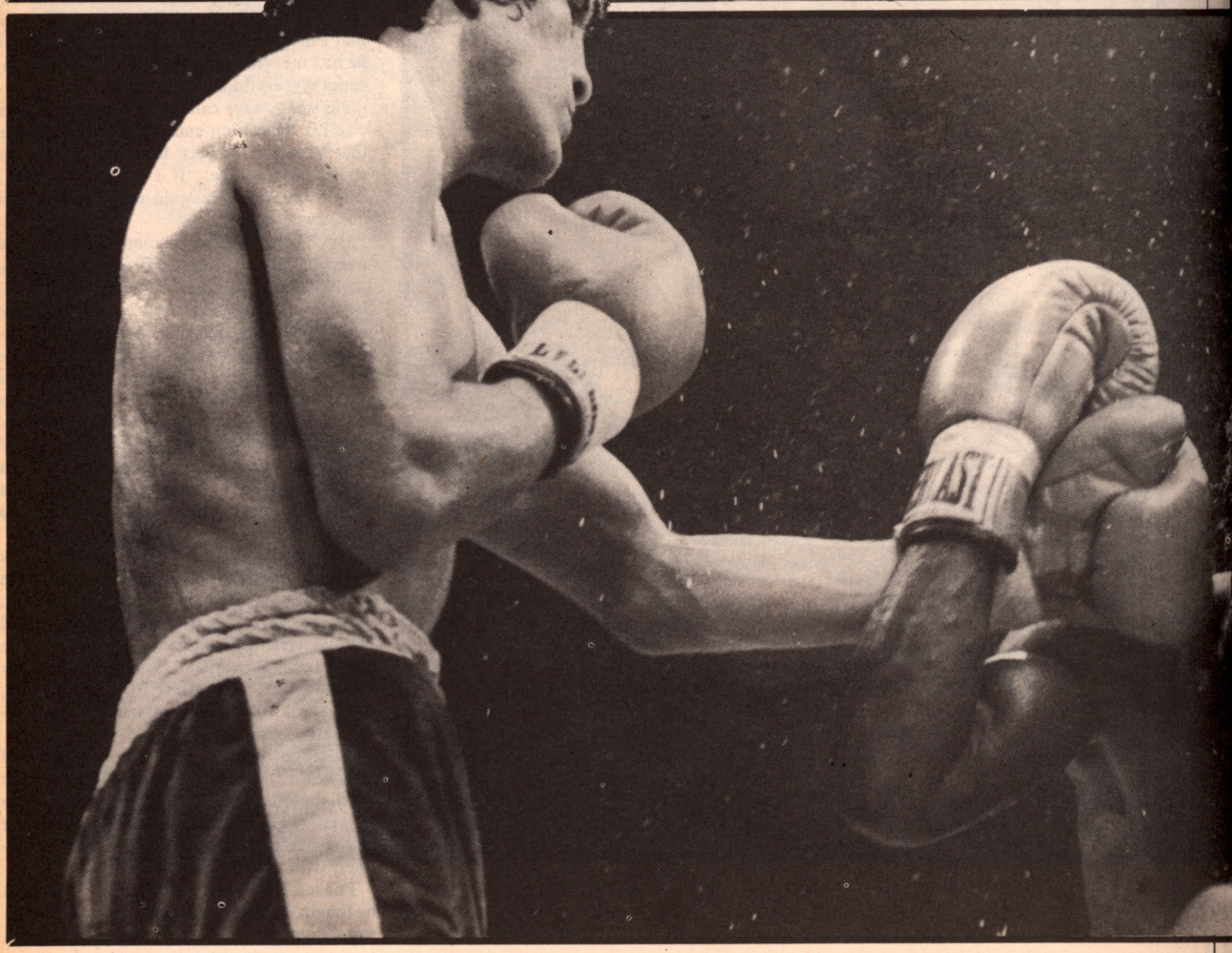
He was always careful not to unduly criticize his opposition and is the type of fighter that expected respect from colleagues and sports people alike. "If a sportswriter asks a stupid question," he told me, "he'll receive no answer."

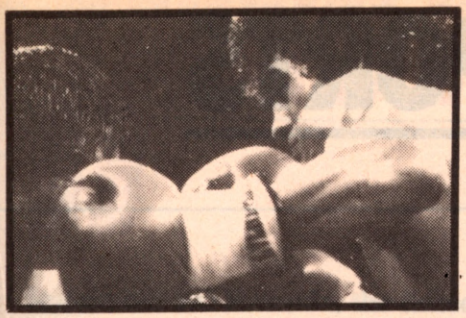
Sanchez was one of the pioneers of the new breed of boxers. Like Arguello, Sugar Ray Leonard, Muhammad Ali and a few others, Sanchez only needed a translator on his side when answering questions from the international press. He was always conscious that the privacy of a boxing champion was very hard to maintain and made no bones about it. "I'm a public man." he said. "I probably owe my present status to the general public in general and the Latin people in particular. Boxing is a business. Business is money and boxing fans are the ones paying the money. How can you be rude to them?"

Ten weeks ago Sanchez came to New York to play a small part in a boxing movie—"The Last Fight"—then being shot in New York. He came in with his trainer and manager and for two days threw phoney punches at Latin music star Ruben Blades. In his part, Sanchez was to give "Kid Clave" a bad beating, causing the death of the fighter who was suffering from brain damage.

Although Sanchez was to throw tons of punches at the actor, not once did he actually make the mistake of connecting. "He's not a fighter," he said jokingly at one point, "but if he touches me with a slap, I may react instinctively with a barrage of combinations."

The last time I saw him was last July, when he fought Azumah Nelson of Ghana, at Madison Square Garden. He was his old self.





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In the ring he was a complete fighter. Outside he was a complete gentleman. During the filming of "The Last Fight" I asked him how much more he was going to remain in the ring. He smiled, looked around his shoulder to make sure no one else was listening.

"I wanna be a doctor," he said in broken English. Then he switched to Spanish again. "All kinds of people are nice to me. Somehow, I want to reciprocate . . . in the best manner . . . saving lives."

When called by his maker, Sanchez was in the prime of his life. I saw no flaws in his talent and I thought his full potential had been reached.

"Are you kidding?" he told me. "No one ever reaches his full potential. The process of learning has no end. As long as I remain in this business, I'll be learning."

"Come on, Jose, you're too smart not to know that!" he said.

But the truth is that no matter how different he performed in the ring with his variety of rivals, he always managed to take control of the fight in the early seconds, never to let go again. He was a youngster who induced true boxing people to watch his brains and not his fists when he was doing what his boxing fans liked best.

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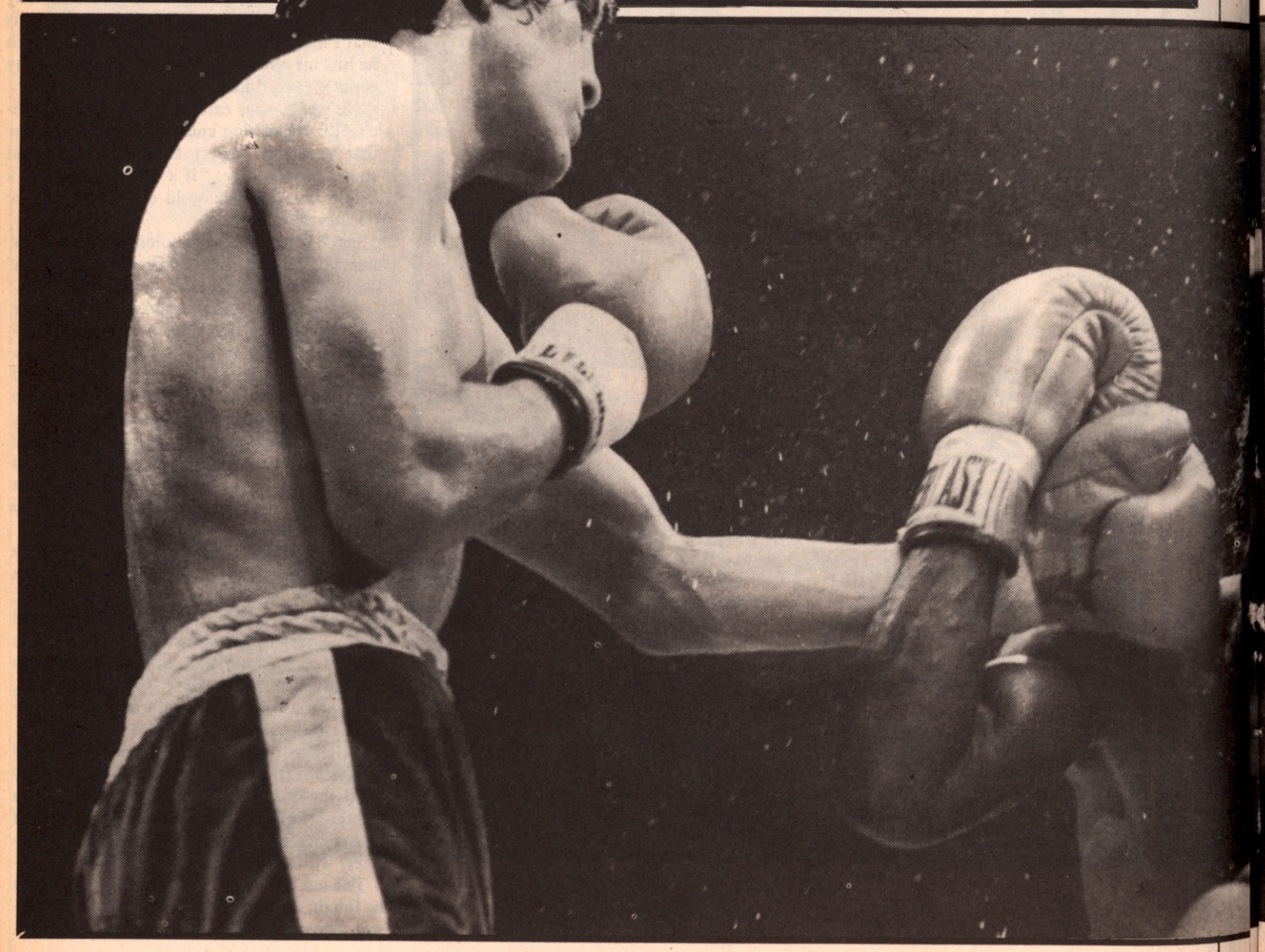

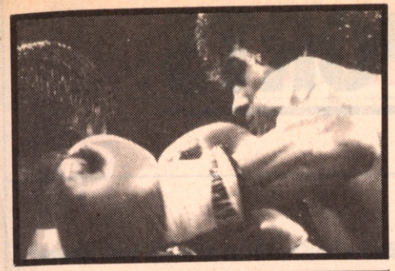

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RINGSIDE REPORTS

FIGHT OF THE MONTH

SALVADOR SANCHEZ-NELSON

HE WAS DRIVEN. DRIVEN BY INner thoughts, inner desires, inner ambitions. He wanted, desperately, to be known as "the best fighter in the world," a title he cherished almost as much as he did his own, the featherweight title. He wanted, also, to become a doctor, because, as he told Rafael Mendoza, the most respected sportswriter in Mexico, "Everybody respects the doctor. I mean, he is somebody important, right?" And, most of all, he wanted to drive fast cars; so much so that even during his title-winning fight against Danny "Little Red" Lopez he began to think to himself, "How nice it would be to drive beautiful cars."

And therein lies the tragedy of Salvador Sanchez.

Just 22 days before the tragic news came out of the little Mexican village of Santiago Tianguistengo that the white Porshe belonging to Savador Sanchez had been crushed on a lonely country road with the Featherweight Champion pinioned inside his once magnificent vehicle, he had stood center ring at Madison Square Garden accepting the plaudits of an adulating crowd. He had owned the world, at least that portion of it made up of 126 pounders, and proven once again that he was the "King of the Featherweight" hill by turning back the challenge of a gutty little performer from Ghana named Azumah Nelson.

The bout had been vintage Sanchez. A notoriously slow starter, he had the best seat in the house for Nelson's opening forays, right hand leads, leaping attacks and non-stop combinations. For the first five rounds the man who looked like a Mexican version of Robin Williams playing Popeye gave ground as his much shorter opponent fairly flew through the air at him, hammering away with his right. But all the time, he was composed, countering and poised with his left to drop it in when the challenger faltered.

Nelson looked like anything but a last-minute replacement for Mario Miranda as he raced in against his two-and-a-half inch taller opponent time and again, catching him with several hard rights. The man called "The Terrible Terror" by his countrymen, had spent the afternoon of the fight running around the Garden itself, accompanied by fellow Ghanans and their pulsating drums. Now those drums had moved inside and their rhythmetic sound exhorting Nelson on permeated the building and could be heard by the 5,575 fans rattling around the cavernous 20,000 seat auditorium.

At the end of the fourth round a seemingly weary Sanchez returned to his corner and told Cristobal Rosas, his trainer, "I feel very weak." Rosas counseled his charge to "Take it easy," something he had done for the first four rounds, soon to be five.

But Sanchez, whose counterpunches had undone Wilfredo Gomez less than a year before, stood his ground, and in the seventh he unloaded a left hook which drove the gritty challenger to the canvas after stumbling backwards several tentative steps. A cautious Sanchez surveyed his

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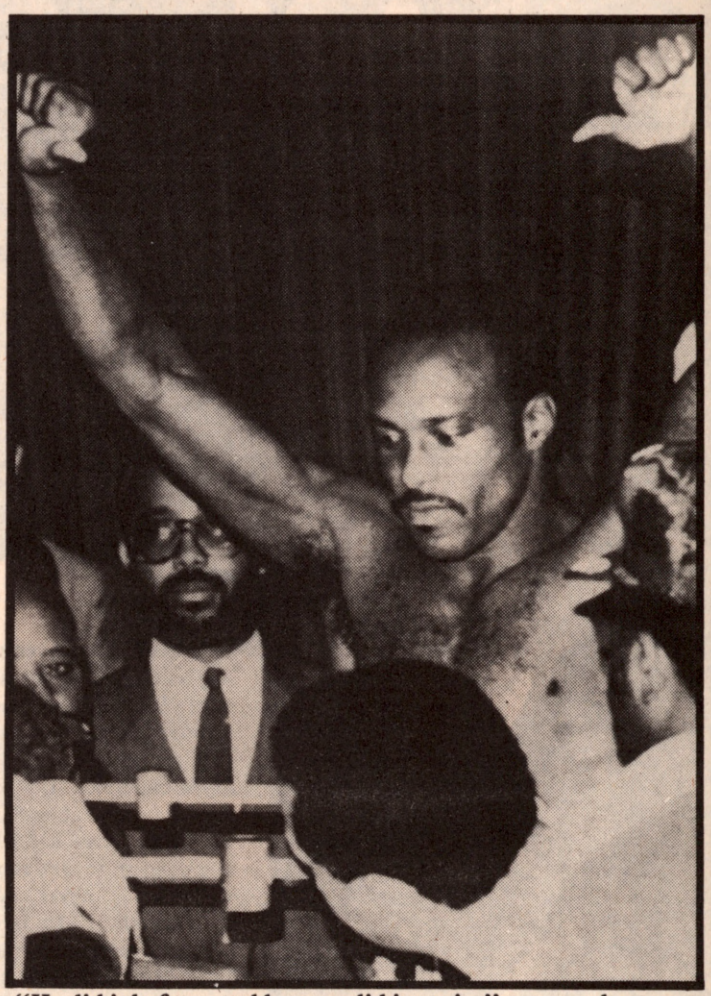

"He did it before, and he sure did it again," to paraphrase an old World War II theme. Dwight Braxton had shocked the boxing world by stopping Matthew Saad Muhammad in 10 rounds last year, but many wondered if the 5'6¾" "Camden Buzzsaw" hadn't merely caught the Philadelphia warrior on an off day; Saad had trouble making the 175-pound limit. But Dwight removed all doubts about his mastery over Saad in their return bout at the Spectrum in Philadelphia on August 7, hammering his taller opponent almost at will until the fight was halted, leaving Braxton still the champ, as well as *The Ring's* Fighter of the Month."

RING'S INTERNATIONAL RATINGS

Remember KO Kameda, the failed kamikaze pilot who wandered around the ring against Aaron Pryor in search of a place to crash-land? Well, at least he was a WBA Number-1 ranked contender. At the very least, that is.

For what he bears in common with the other Number 1-ranked WBA contenders is that ability counts for very little and connections count for a heck of a lot. During the past few years the WBA has treated us to the likes of Rudi Koopmans, Kallie Knoetze, Rocky Fratto, Fulgencio Obelmejias, Charlie Magri and the ever popular Young Ho-Oh (or was that Young Ho-Ho?) as Number 1-ranked contenders for something-or-other.

Now the WBA has informed their Bantamweight Champion, Jeff Chandler, that his next mandatory defense must be against their Number 1-ranked contender, Miguel Iriarte, who just happens to be managed by one of the top-ranked heads of the very same WBA. Or face the real possibility of being stripped of his hard-earned title.

RING RATINGS 40 YEARS AGO

HEAVYWEIGHTS
World Champion
Joe Louis, Detroit, Mich.

1. Bob Pastor, Saratoga, N.Y.
2. Billy Conn, Pittsburgh, Pa.
3. Melio Bettina, Beacon, N.Y.
4. Tami Mauriello, New York, N.Y.
5. Pat Valentino, San Francisco, Calif.
6. Roscoe Toles, Detroit, Mich.
7. Turkey Thompson, Los Angeles, Calif.
8. Lee Savold, Paterson, N.J.
9. Harry Bobo, Pittsburgh, Pa.
10. Arturo Godoy, Santiago, Chile

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
World Champion
Gus Lesnevich, Cliffside, N.J.

1. Jimmy Bivins, Cleveland, Ohio
2. Anton Christoforidis, Greece
3. Ken Overlin, Decatur, Illinois
4. Lloyd Marshall, Sacramento, Calif.
5. Billy Soose, Farrell, Pa.
6. Alabama Kid, Concord, Ga.
7. Booker Beckwith, Chicago, Ill.
8. Freddie Mills, England
9. Johnny Colan, New York, N.Y.
10. Jack Coggins, San Diego, Calif.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
World Champion
Tony Zale, Gary, Indiana

1. Ezzard Charles, Cincinnati, Ohio
2. Georgie Abrams, New York, N.Y.
3. Ernie Vigh, Carteret, N.J.
4. Tony Martin, Milwaukee, Wisc.
5. Coley Welch, Portland, Me.
6. Fred Apostoli, San Francisco, Calif.
7. Nate Bolden, Chicago, Illinois
8. Kid Tunero, Cuba
9. Holman Williams, Detroit, Mich.
10. Jose Basora, Puerto Rico

WELTERWEIGHTS
World Champion
Freddie (Red) Cochrane, Elizabeth, N.J.

1. Ray Robinson, New York, N.Y.
2. Jackie Wilson, Los Angeles, Calif.
3. Marty Servo, Schenectady, N.Y.
4. Charley Burley, Pittsburgh, Pa.
5. Cocoa Kid, Puerto Rico
6. Fritzie Zivic, Pittsburgh, Pa.
7. Henry Armstrong, St. Louis, Mo.
8. Danny Kapilow, Bronx, N.Y.
9. Tony Motisi, Chicago, Ill.
10. Freddie Archer, Newark, N.J.

LIGHTWEIGHTS
World Champion
Sammy Angott, Philadelphia, Pa.

1. Allie Stolz, Newark, N.J.
2. Bob Montgomery, Philadelphia, Pa.
3. Chester Rico, New York, N.Y.
4. Willie Joyce, Chicago, Ill.
5. Juan Zurita, Mexico City, Mexico
6. Leo Rodak, Chicago, Illinois
7. Tippy Larkin, Garfield, N.J.
8. Cleo Shans, Brawley, Calif.
9. Maxie Shapiro, New York, N.Y.
10. Bobby Ruffin, Bridgeport, Conn.

FEATHERWEIGHTS
World Champion
Chalky Wright, Los Angeles, Calif.

1. Lulu Costantino, New York, N.Y.
2. Mike Raffa, Weirton, Pa.
3. Sal Bartolo, Boston, Mass.
4. Willie Pep, Hartford, Conn.
5. Pedro Hernandez, Puerto Rico
6. Benny Goldberg, Detroit, Mich.
7. Harry Jeffra, Baltimore, Md.
8. Carlos Chavez, Los Angeles, Calif.
9. Vince Dell 'Orto, Philadelphia, Pa.
10. Davey Crawford, New York, N.Y.

BANTAMWEIGHTS
World Champion
Manuel Ortiz, Los Angeles, Calif.

1. Lou Salica, Brooklyn, New York
2. Kui Kong Young, Hawaii
3. Rush Dalma, Philippines
4. Jim Brady, Dundee, Scotland
5. Peter Kane, Lancaster, Eng.
6. Ham Wiloby, Trinidad
7. Kid Zefine, Panama
8. Mario Morales, Havana, Cuba
9. Mickey Carr, Australia
10. Tony Olivera, San Francisco, Calif.

FLYWEIGHTS
World Champion
Title Vacant

1. Jackie Paterson, Scotland
2. Joe Curran, England
3. Little Dado, Philippines
4. Sammy Reynolds, England
5. Frankie Bonser, England
6. Humberto Espinoza, Cuba
7. Paddy Ryan, Lancaster, Eng.
8. Small Montana, Philippines
9. Lupe Cordoza, Sacramento, Calif.
10. Luis Castillo, Cuba

Emanuel Steward, the guiding force behind Detroit's Kronk Gym, recalls having rushed in with his warrior, Hilmer Kenty, when the Ernesto Espana- Sean O'Grady to-do fell apart in the spring of 1980. Meeting with Pepe Cordero, the power behind the powers-that-be of the WBA, Steward offered up Kenty, signing contract-upon-contract cal ling for options, return bouts, first rights, etc., etc. However, Steward still faced the problem of not having Kenty rated amongst the WBA top ten. Not to worry, Steward was told by the gun-toting Cordero, Kenty would soon rise, like Lazarus, in the WBA ratings, something he needed in order to get the fight. He did and he did, winning the title in the process.

Why does boxing—No!, make that television, especially CBS, which seems to delight in trafficking in more WBA title bouts than the other networks combined—continue to deal with these people? They not only take money under the table, they also take it over the table, around the table, and, in some cases, also take the table as well.

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HEAVYWEIGHTS
(over 175 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

LARRY HOLMES** . . . . . Easton, Pa.
1 **Mike Weaver*** . . . . . Los Angeles, Calif.
2 **Michael Dokes** . . . . . Akron, Ohio
3 **Trevor Berbick** . . . . . Halifax, Canada
4 **Greg Page** . . . . . Louisville, Ky.
5 **Gerrie Coetzee** . . . . . South Africa
6 **Gerry Cooney** . . . . . Huntington, N.Y.
7 **Pinklon Thomas** . . . . . Philadelphia, Pa.
8 **Randall (Tex) Cobb** . . . . . Philadelphia, Pa.
9 **Tim Witherspoon** . . . . . Philadelphia, Pa.
10 **Renaldo Snipes** . . . . . Yonkers, N.Y.

11. James Tillis, 12. John Tate, 13. Leon Spinks, 14. Bernardo Mercado, 15. Larry Frazier

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
(not over 175 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

DWIGHT BRAXTON** . . . . . Camden, N.J.
1 **Michael Spinks*** . . . . . St. Louis, Mo.
2 **Eddie Mustafa Muhammad** . . . Brooklyn, N.Y.
3 **Matthew Saad Muhammad** . . . . . Phila., Pa.
4 **S.T. Gordon** . . . . . Las Vegas, Nev.
5 **Eddie Davis** . . . . . Freeport, N.Y.
6 **Jerry Celestine** . . . . . New Orleans, La.
7 **John Davis** . . . . . Hempstead, N.Y.
8 **James Scott** . . . . . Rahway, N.J.
9 **Carlos DeLeon** . . . . . Puerto Rico
10 **Lotte Mwale** . . . . . Zambia

11. Marvin Johnson, 12. Bashiru Ali, 13. John Odhiambo, 14. Mustapha Wasajja, 15. Oscar Rivadeneyra, 16. Niva Tofaeoni, 17. (Tie) Jerry Martin, Vonzell Johnson, Young Joe Louis, 20. Tony Mundine, 21. (Tie) Willie Edwards, Mustafa Hamsho, Jose Flores

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 160 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

MARVIN HAGLER . . . . . Brockton, Mass.
1 **Tony Sibson** . . . . . England
2 **Frank Fletcher** . . . . . Philadelphia, Pa.
3 **Mustafa Hamsho** . . . . . Syria
4 **Dwight Davison** . . . . . Detroit, Mich.
5 **Fulgencio Obelmejias** . . . . . Venezuela
6 **Thomas Hearns** . . . . . Detroit, Mich.
7 **Ray Seales** . . . . . Tacoma, Wash.
8 **James Green** . . . . . Irvington, N.J.
9 **Wilford Scypion** . . . . . Port Arthur, Texas
10 **Bernard Mays** . . . . . Detroit, Mich.

11. Bobby Czyz, 12. Mark Holmes, 13. Vinnie Curto, 14. James Kinchen, 15. Ronnie Harris, 16. Ted Sanders, 17. Alex Ramos, 18. Robbie Sims, 19. Robbie Epps

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 154 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1 **Wilfred Benitez**** . . . . . Puerto Rico
2 **Thomas Hearns** . . . . . Detroit, Mich.
3 **Tony Ayala, Jr.** . . . . . San Antonio, Tex.
4 **Davey Moore*** . . . . . New York, N.Y.
5 **Carlos Herrera** . . . . . Argentina
6 **Ayub Kalule** . . . . . Uganda
7 **Gary Guiden** . . . . . Muncie, Ind.
8 **Roberto Duran** . . . . . Panama
9 **Clint Jackson** . . . . . Nashville, Tenn.
10 **Mike McCallum** . . . . . New York

11. (Tie) Charlie Weir, James Green, 13. Herol Graham, 14. Carlos Santos, 15. Luigi Minchillo, 16. Walter Gomez, 17. Buster Drayton, 18. Tadashi Mihara, 19. Mario Maldonado, 20. Rocky Fratto, 21. (Tie) Tony Braxton, Bruce Johnson, Sean Mannion, Rocky Mattioli

WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 147 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

RAY LEONARD . . . . . Palmer Park, Md.
1 **Milton McCrory** . . . . . Detroit, Mich.
2 **Donald Curry** . . . . . Ft. Worth, Texas
3 **Roger Stafford** . . . . . Philadelphia, Pa.
4 **Pipino Cuevas** . . . . . Mexico
5 **Marlon Starling** . . . . . Hartford, Conn.
6 **Kevin Howard** . . . . . Philadelphia, Pa.
7 **Colin Jones** . . . . . England
8 **Bobby Joe Young** . . . . . Steubenville, Ohio
9 **Mauricio Bravo** . . . . . Venezuela
10 **Randy Shields** . . . . . N. Hollywood, Cal.

11. Pete Ranzany, 12. Luis Primera, 13. Hans Henrik Palm, 14. Mark Harris, 15. Elio Diaz, 16. Robert Sawyer, 17. Mark Harris, 18. Sean O'Grady, 19. Chung-Jae Hwang, 20. Akio Kameda, 21. Jo Kimpuani

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 140 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

AARON PRYOR* . . . . . Cincinnati, Ohio
1 **Leroy Haley**** . . . . . Las Vegas, Nevada
2 **Saoul Mamby** . . . . . New York, N.Y.
3 **Johnny Bumphus** . . . . . Clementon, N.J.
4 **Steve Hearon** . . . . . Houston, Texas
5 **Ronnie Shields** . . . . . Port Arthur, Texas
6 **Sang-Hyun Kim** . . . . . Korea
7 **Guillermo Fernandez** . . . . . Venezuela
8 **Dujuan Johnson** . . . . . Detroit, Mich.
9 **Billy Costello** . . . . . Kingston, N.Y.
10 **Willie Rodriguez** . . . . . Allentown, Pa.

11. Bruce Curry, 12. Ubaldo Sacco, 13. Adriano Marrero, 14. Monroe Brooks, 15. Jo Kimpuani, 16. Miguel Montilla, 17. Juan Jose Gimenez, 18. Antonio Cervantes, 19. Clint McKenzie, 20. Patrizio Oliva, 21. Steve Early, 22. (Tie) Hugo Quartapelle, Billy Parks

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(AS OF AUGUST 20, 1982)

The names following each division received votes (in order of their listing)

*WBA champion **WBC champion

LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 135 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

ALEXIS ARGUELLO** . . . . . Nicaragua
1 **Aaron Pryor** . . . . . Cincinnati, Ohio
2 **Ray Mancini*** . . . . . Youngstown, Ohio
3 **Edwin Rosario** . . . . . Puerto Rico
4 **Howard Davis, Jr.** . . . . . Glen Cove, N.Y.
5 **Andy Ganigan** . . . . . Honolulu, Ha.
6 **Ruben Munoz** . . . . . Dallas, Texas
7 **Gonzalo Montellano** . . . . . Bakersfield, Calif.
8 **Hilmer Kenty** . . . . . Detroit, Mich.
9 **Rodolfo (Gato) Gonzalez** . . . . . Mexico
10 **Art Frias** . . . . . Los Angeles, Calif.

11. Claude Noel, 12. Roberto Elizondo, 13. James Busceme, 14. John Montes, 15. Ernesto Espana, 16. Edwin Viruet, 17. Orlando Romero, 18. Greg Coverson, 19. Jose Luis Ramirez, 20. Barry Michael, 21. Cocoa Sanchez, 22. Ray Cattouse

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 130 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

SAMUEL SERRANO* . . . . . Puerto Rico
1 **Cornelius Boza-Edwards** . . . . . England
2 **Edwin Rosario** . . . . . Puerto Rico
3 **Rafael (Bazooka) Limon**** . . . . . Mexico
4 **Rolando Navarrete** . . . . . Honolulu, Ha.
5 **Bobby Chacon** . . . . . Pacoima, Calif.
6 **Hector Camacho** . . . . . New York, N.Y.
7 **Chung Il-Choi** . . . . . Korea
8 **Johnny De La Rosa** . . . . . Miami, Fla.
9 **John Verderosa** . . . . . Staten Island, N.Y.
10 **Ildelfonso Bethelmy** . . . . . Venezuela

11. Carlos Pinango, 12. Jorge Alvarado, 13. Il-Bok Lee, 14. Enrique Maxwell, 15. Benedicto Villablanca, 16. Mario Vizcaya, 17. Frankie Baltazar, 18. Johnny Sato, 19. Leonardo Moreno, 20. Johnny Aba, 21. Alfredo Paiva, 22. Reinaldo Hidalgo, 23. (Tie) Daniel Londas, Rafael Solis

FEATHERWEIGHTS
(not over 126 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1 **Eusebio Pedroza*** . . . . . Panama
2 **Wilfredo Gomez** . . . . . Puerto Rico
3 **Juan LaPorte** . . . . . New York, N.Y.
4 **Rocky Lockridge** . . . . . Paterson, N.J.
5 **Mario Miranda** . . . . . Colombia
6 **Ruben Castillo** . . . . . Bakersfield, Calif.
7 **Jose Caba** . . . . . Dominican Republic
8 **Pat Cowdell** . . . . . England
9 **Paul Ferrari** . . . . . Australia
10 **Azumah Nelson** . . . . . Ghana

11. Marcos Villasana, 12. Reyes Gonzalez, 13. Guillermo Vallejo, 14. Bernard Taylor, 15. Tony Santana, 16. Jackie Beard, 17. Augustin Martinez, 18. Bernabe Montanez, 19. Rocky Garcia, 20. Hwan-Kil Yuh

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
(not over 122 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

WILFREDO GOMEZ** . . . . . Puerto Rico
1 **Leo Cruz*** . . . . . Dominican Republic
2 **Jaime Garza** . . . . . Los Angeles, Calif.
3 **Mike Ayala** . . . . . New York, N.Y.
4 **Sergio Palma** . . . . . Argentina
5 **Lupe Pintor** . . . . . Mexico
6 **Ricardo Cardona** . . . . . Colombia
7 **Roberto Rubaldino** . . . . . Mexico
8 **Juan (Kid) Meza** . . . . . Los Angeles, Calif.
9 **Soon-Hyun Chung** . . . . . Korea
10 **Felipe Orozco** . . . . . Colombia

11. Carmelo Negron, 12. Oscar Muniz, 13. Nicky Perez, 14. Joaquin Acuna, 15. Jorge Lujan, 16. Vilchit Muangroi-Et, 17. Julio Saba, 18. Salvatore Melluzo, 19. Antonio de la Paz

BANTAMWEIGHTS
(not over 118 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

JEFF CHANDLER* . . . . . Philadelphia, Pa.
1 **Lupe Pintor**** . . . . . Mexico
2 **Chul-Ho Kim** . . . . . Korea
3 **Albert Davila** . . . . . Los Angeles, Calif.
4 **Oscar Muniz** . . . . . Los Angeles, Calif.
5 **Kiko Bejines** . . . . . Mexico
6 **Eijiro Murata** . . . . . Japan
7 **Johnny Carter** . . . . . Philadelphia, Pa.
8 **Jiro Watanabe** . . . . . Japan
9 **Freddie Jackson** . . . . . Houston, Texas
10 **Rafael Orono** . . . . . Venezuela

11. Miguel Iriarte, 12. Jaime Garza, 13. Jose R. Narvaez, 14. Richard Sandoval, 15. Seung Hoon Lee, 16. Carlos Bejarano, 17. Julian Solis, 18. Jorge Ramirez, 19. Jose Canizales, 20. Edgar Roman, 21. Jovito Rengifo, 22. Ramon Soria, 23. Artemio Ramirez, 24. Enrique Sanchez

FLYWEIGHTS
(not over 112 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

FREDDIE CASTILLO** . . . . . Mexico
1 **Prudencio Cardona** . . . . . Colombia
2 **Santos Laciar*** . . . . . Argentina
3 **Hilario Zapata** . . . . . Panama
4 **Katsuo Tokashiki** . . . . . Japan
5 **Tadashi Tomori** . . . . . Japan
6 **German Torres** . . . . . Mexico
7 **Antonio Avelar** . . . . . Mexico
8 **Hwan Jin Kim** . . . . . Korea
9 **Rafael Pedroza** . . . . . Panama
10 **Juan Herrera** . . . . . Mexico

11. Candido Tellez, 12. Amado Ursua, 13. Gustavo Ballas, 14. Junk Koo Chang, 15. Lupe Madera, 16. Juan Diaz, 17. Luis Ibarra, 18. Gabriel Bernal, 19. Eleoncio Mercedes, 20. Alonso Gonzalez, 21. Stephen Muchoki, 22. (Tie) Roberto Ramirez, Koki Ishii

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handiwork more than he capitalized on it and kept his distance until, almost at the bell, he again rocked Nelson with a right.

Sanchez continued to fight a defensive fight for the next two rounds, catching the onrushing Nelson with solid punches time and again while avoiding the bull-like rushes of the hurt challenger. It was like watching a Carlos Monzon in action, you were watching an artisan, but weren't quite sure of how—or what—he was doing, only that he would do what was necessary to win.

Then, just when the bout seemed to be firmly in Sanchez' control—he had even shaken up Nelson so badly in the ninth that, at the bell Azumah half-walked, half-wobbled to Sanchez' corner and the champion, behind him, tapped him on the shoulder and pointed out his corner—the tide turned again with Nelson taking the play away from Sanchez, his right hand again finding its mark on the champion's Dick Tracy-like jaw.

Now it was the fifteenth and the fight was still up for grabs. Or hits, if you will. Nelson, who thought he was winning—a thought shared by many at ringside, including one judge—wanted to win this one. And win it big. He came right at Salvador, throwing his hammer of a right and charging in behind it. But Sanchez held his ground and caught him with a deep-dish beauty of a left hook dropping the challenger in his own corner. Up almost immediately, Nelson wobbled to center ring and beckoned to Sanchez to "Come on," looking like Bert Lahr in the "Wizard of Oz" when he challenged everybody to "Get 'em up." Sanchez got 'em up again, and caught the challenger, literally on his last legs, on the ropes, half holding him up with the force of his blows. Referee Tony Perez jumped between them ending the fight with just 1:11 left. Unknown to anyone, it was to be the last second of Salvador Sanchez' professional career.

For, like Pheidippdes, who had run the plains of Marathon to Athena 25 miles away and dropped dead just as he gasped "Rejoice, we conquer . . .," Salvador Sanchez had ended his professional life on a conquering note. The man-boy whose baby face had made him look like an altar boy and who had come to exemplify class in the ring and outside as well, was never quite to attain his goal of becoming "The best fighter in the world," a title he most assuredly would have achieved had he beaten Alexis Arguello, the man he sought to fight and the man he had signed a contract to meet.

Instead, it was another of his driving ambitions that was to become the footnote to his life: fast cars. For when Don King had mentioned the prospects of an Arguello fight to Sanchez and promised him a white Stutz Bearcat worth $100,000 if he won, Salvador's only question was "How fast can it go?"

And so Salvador Sanchez died, the result of one of his driving ambitions, on a lonely road in Mexico. Still "Campeon Mundial" in the hearts of anyone who ever saw him—or followed boxing—but before he had ever achieved his goal of being hailed as "The best fighter in the world." That, too, was a fast track, but one Salvador Sanchez could have negotiated, knowing what burned inside the man.

Tony Santana, 129, Brooklyn, won a unanimous decision over Jose Cabrera, 132, Mexico City, 10. Scoring: referee Billy Graham, 9-0-1; judges Tony Castellano and Al Reid, both 9-1. Santana is now 18-0. Cabrera is 18-9.

Mark Holmes, 163½, Easton, Pa., TKO'd Fred Reed, 163, Chicago, at 0:24 of the eighth round in their scheduled 10. Referee John LoBianco stopped the contest to save Reed from further punishment. Holmes is now 22-0 with 12 kayoes. Reed, who was floored in the seventh, is 9-12 with five knockouts. The judges were Artie Aidala and Tony Castellano.

Juan LaPorte, 128¼, New York, won a unanimous decision over Edwin Rivera, 129, Hoboken, N.J., 10. Scoring: referee Graham, 9-1; judge Reid, 8-1-1; judge Castellano, 9-1. LaPorte is now 21-3 with 12 knockouts. Rivera is 24-7 with 10 kayoes.

Adriano (Nani) Marrero, 144, Dominican Republic, won an upset split decision over Dujuan Johnson, 143½, Detroit, 10. Scoring: referee LoBianco, 7-3, Marrero; judge Reid, 6-4, Marrero; judge Aidala, 5-5 (6-5 in points, Johnson). Marrero is now 28-10-2 with five knockouts. Johnson is 17-2 with 13 kayoes.

Freddie Jackson, 115¼, Houston, Texas, won a unanimous decision over Edwin Salgado, 118, Puerto Rico, 10. Scoring: referee Vinnie Ferguson, 10-0; judge Aidala, 10-0 (11-0); judge Castellano, 7-3. Jackson is now 20-2 with 14 kayoes. Salgado is 10-5 with eight knockouts.

Scoring of Sanchez-Nelson after 14: Artie Aidala, 134-131, Sanchez; Tony Castellano, 135-131, Sanchez; Al Reid, 133-132, Nelson.

Timekeeper—Fred Abbatiello.

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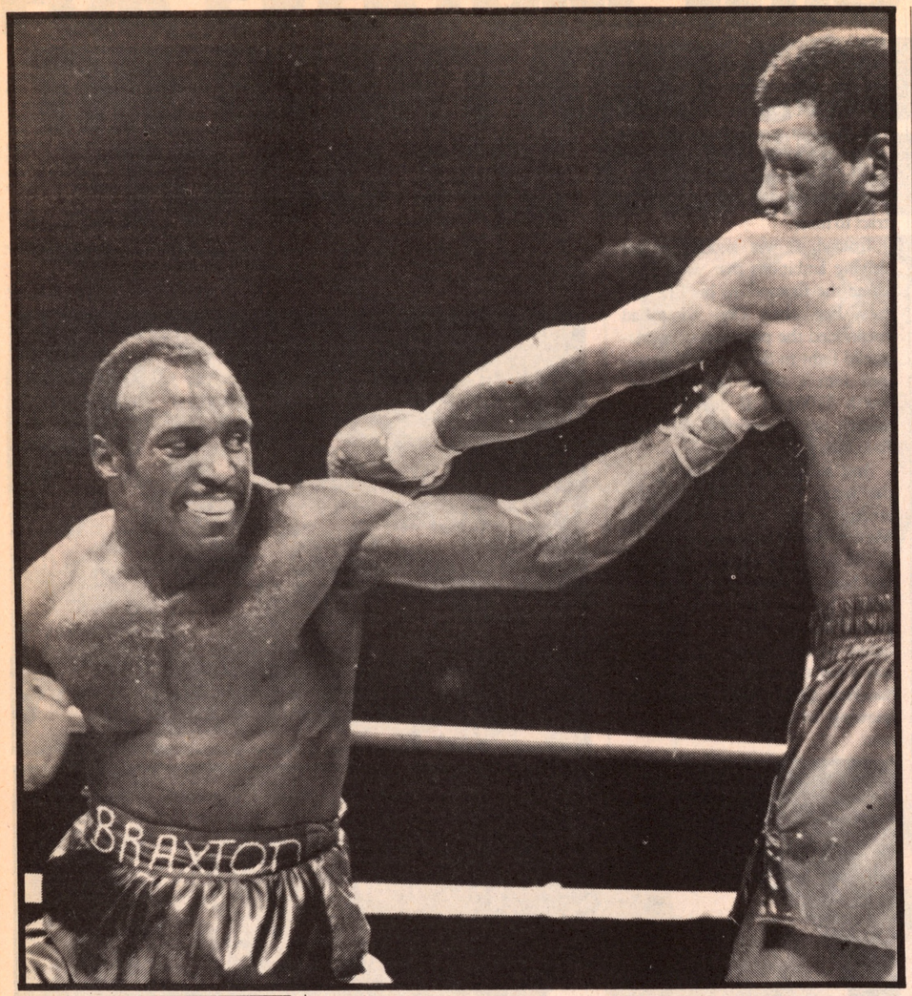


BRAXTON-SAAD MUHAMMAD
World Light Heavyweight Title

Their stories were as well known as any in the annals of modern boxing. What wasn't known, however, was that intangible known as desire, and its intensity. And therein lies the story of the fight, if not the men themselves.

The challenger for what was billed as "The Liberty Brawl" was Matthew Saad Muhammad, the light heavyweight champion as recently as seven months ago. Found wandering along the Franklin Parkway in Philadelphia as a little five-year-old waif, he had been given the name of the Parkway and brought up by nuns at the Catholic Social Service. He battled back from the anonymity of lost roots and lost streets to become first a boxer and then a champion, staging more comebacks in his championship fights than Frank Sinatra had in his entire career and seemingly always able to pull the championship rabbit out of his hat at the last available minute. And then, against unheralded Dwight Braxton, overweight on the day of the fight and overconfident to the point of lethargy, his famed resilience had failed him and he became the ex-champion. Now he burned with the desire to reclaim *his* belt, claiming "I just let him borrow my title; now I'm going to take it back."

The party on the other part who would have a say in whether, in fact, Saad would reclaim the belt was Dwight Braxton, a street kid from Camden, by way of Baltimore, who had fought his fights in the streets rather than the gym. Braxton who had risen from the ignoble streets of Camden and the even more disreputable corridors of Rahway State Prison, was obsessed with his mission in life, that of never taking a backwards step, never backsliding. And that began with keeping the title he had taken from Saad.

As the twosome went from press conference to press conference and Saad read poems and made good natured jokes about what he would do to Braxton, the champion sat stolidly, his impenetrable eyes burning while Saad fiddled. There was no way, they seemed to be saying, Saad will ever get his belt back from me. His intensity, like Blake's tiger, burned brightly. When called upon to speak, he would only say, "I'm gonna hurt Saad; I'm gonna hurt him real bad." And somehow you knew he meant it.

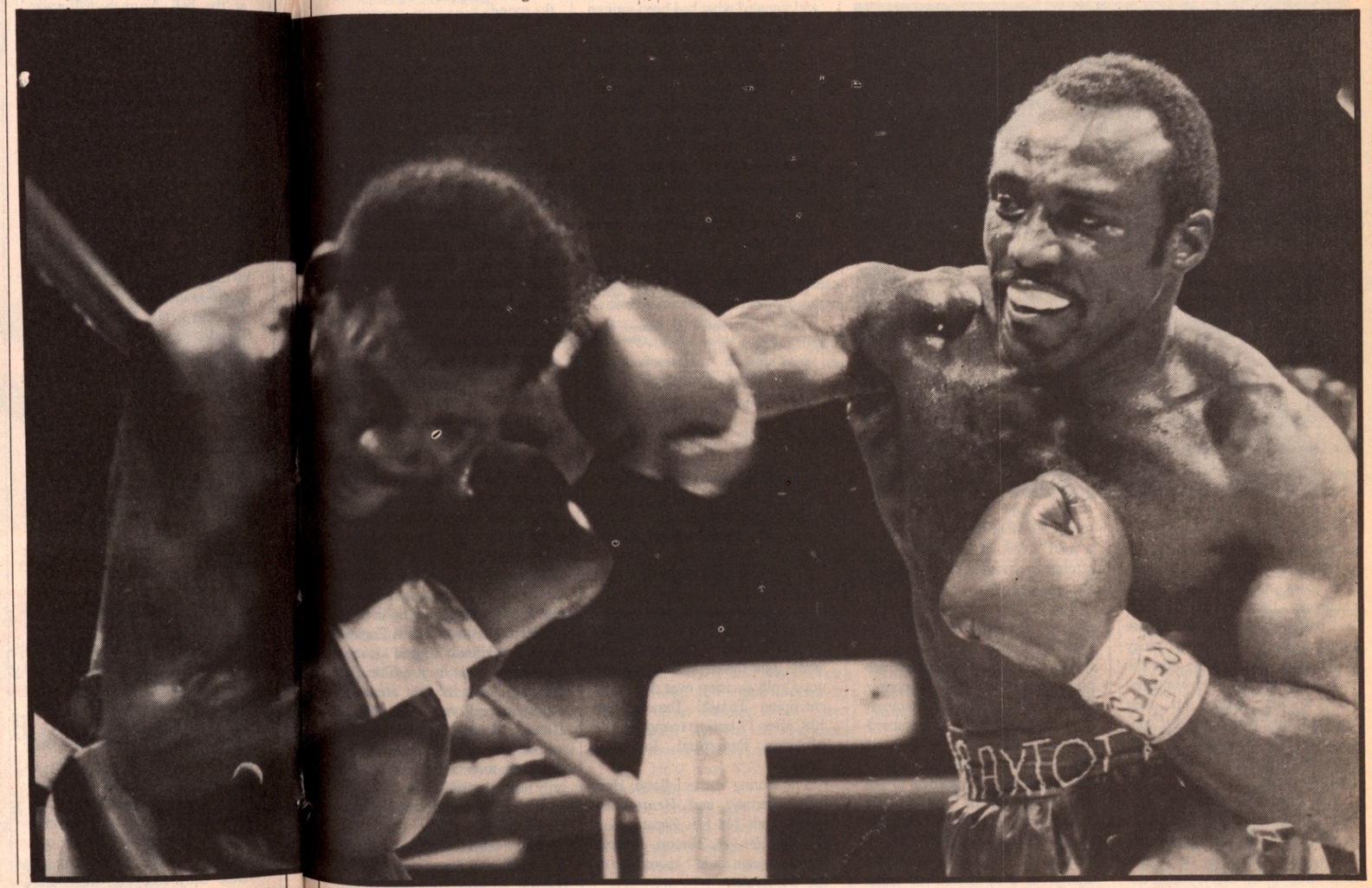
As the day of the fight dawned, and the boxing fraternity descended upon Philadelphia's old-line Barclay Hotel—which, according to the manager, "Hadn't had as many Negroes staying at the hotel since it opened in 1929 as we do now"—the subject of conversation seemed to be Saad Muhammad and his chances. Would he have to shed weight as he did before he first fought Dwight (7½ pounds, Saad alleged, although no one could verify the amount, the closest thing to proof being someone saw him weigh in at two pounds overweight)? Would his new strategy work (devised by new trainer Steve Traitz, it called for Saad to, in his own words, "Be slipping some of those punches for a change.")? And could Saad come back or had he left too many pieces of himself around too many rings?

Braxton and his camp, Wesley Mouzon and Quenzell McCall, were surprisingly quiet. And surprisingly confident. The only outward show of emotion from Dwight came when he stepped on the scales after Saad had registered, arms aloft in a victory signal, 175 on the nose. While his weight of 174½ was being announced, Dwight turned his thumbs down in the direction of Saad. Still, one got the impression that his adrenalin was pumping so hard and so fast that it would have kept coffee awake. Dwight Braxton was ready, so much so in fact that when Saad playfully attempted to get at him during the weigh-in he almost blew the fight that night by coming at him, not quite attuned to the games boxing people play.

That night, as the two made their respective ways into the ring amid whatever noise 6,781 fans rattling around in a cavernous 19,000 plus-seat arena can make, one only had to look at the eyes of Saad to see they were still smoldering, betraying the anxiety of the man within. Finally, as the introductions trailed off with everybody except the peanut vendors called into the ring, Dwight could contain himself no longer and shouted at the ring announcer, Saad and anyone else who could hear him, "Come on, let's get going!," and then added, as a postscript, "Come on!" He was like a man with his car double-parked out front.

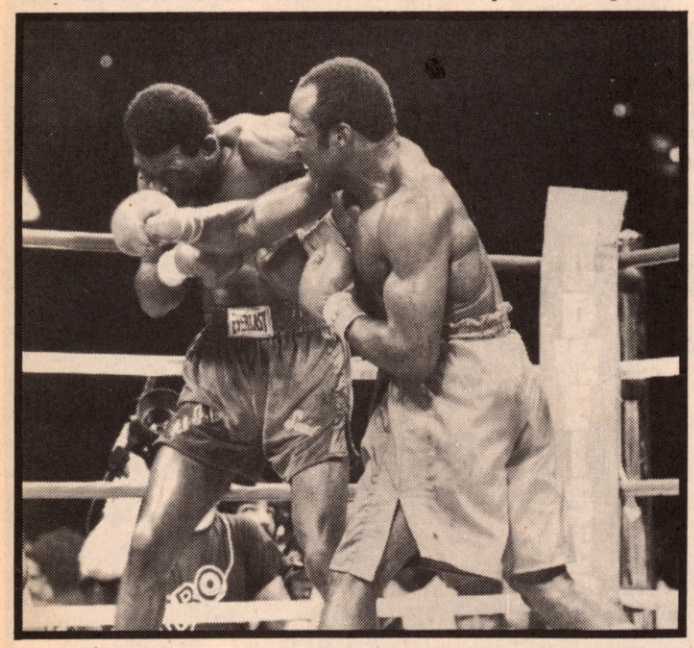
After Michelle Muhammad, wife of the challenger, gave a stirring rendition of the Star Spangled Banner and the obligatory introductions were made, Dwight and Saad were ready to "get it on," but not before Dwight had handed his blue robe, adorned with an ice cream cone and reading "ice cream" to one of his cornermen—a reference to a brother he had only recently lost and in whose name he was dedicating the fight, yet one more motivation for the man who didn't, on balance, seem to need any more.

With the bell to mark the opening of the festivities, Braxton came straight at Saad, flicking out two lefts. His blue balloon-like trunks, extending to his knees, made him look like a fireplug version of Archie Moore, his continual bobbing and weaving, a vest pocket edition of Joe Frazier. Before the bout was a minute old, Braxton had caught Saad with three lefts and then a right and another, staggering Saad



and sending his mouthpiece to the canvas. With a maniacal grin on his face, Dwight pressed the action, unleashing a flurry of punches to Saad's head. The new style was gone, Saad was now reverting to form, going to the ropes to keep the onrushing Braxton away. It was like trying to find comfort in the shade of a loaded Howitzer.

Round two found Dwight roaring across the ring, almost catching a slow-rising Saad on his stool, his level of intensity so great, his desire to end it all so unbridled. Three lefts and a right by Braxton drove Saad against the ropes again, half trying to get away, half pushed there by Braxton. As Saad tried to counter, Braxton swatted Saad



with a right lead and then staggered Saad into the ropes, unleashing the fury from deep within. The challenger connected with two left uppercuts, but all he got for his trouble was a taunt from Dwight, who stuck out his tongue at the challenger, then reverted to form and pasted Saad with three more rights, a flurry and closing trilogy of punches, two landing after the bell. As an unsure Saad wandered back to his corner, his nose bloodied, his mind somewhat confused by the onslaught, Braxton fairly skipped back to his, to get ready for more.

The third saw Braxton once again pin Saad in his corner, right in the middle of hauling up his trunks, and proceed to catch him with three rights, every punch delivered with the intent that it is one more punch further away from Rahway, one more step in the right direction. Coming forward with a mad dog intensity, almost foaming at the mouth, Braxton connects with a right, left, right, left combination, driving Saad into the ropes and his mouthpiece to the floor. Then a right and left by Saad, one wandering south of Dwight's ample beltline, and Braxton, refusing Saad's outstretched hands, caught the off-balance Saad with a right and left, sending him to the floor. Up almost immediately, the partially hurt, partially embarasssed Saad could only hang on, his fighting spirit gone, unable to stem the fire-power coming at him or to understand its genesis, so furious was the attack from the smallest light heavyweight in history, a five-foot-six-inch fireplug of a man intent in avenging all the wrongs ever visited on fireplugs by the top dogs of the world.

Rounds four and five were fungo practice for Braxton, who was throwing punches from all angles, much like an out-of-control waterpik, except for one brief moment in the fifth when Braxton, seemingly tired from his non-stop bombardment of Saad—or, as he later said in a moment of bravado at his post-fight interview, "I wanted to see what he had for me"—went to the ropes, allowing Saad, for the first time in the bout, to get off first. Incredibly Saad opened up with two rights, but even before the small partisan crowd, nursing hopes that Saad would somehow, someway return to his greater glories, began to give voice to their hopes Braxton was back on the attack again, shelling Saad with twelve straight punches. Somewhere in the middle of this flurry, the realization of the inevitable must have struck Saad's corner and friends, for they ushered his beautiful wife out of the arena so that she would not have to be witness to the inevitable.

And that inevitable happened in the next round—at 1:22 of the sixth, to be exact—as referee Carlos Padilla stepped between the two, after 18 unanswered punches bounced the defenseless Saad off two corners like a billiard carom, and signaled what had been written in stone from Braxton's first punch: That Saad Muhammad *was* a great champion and that Dwight Braxton *is* a great champion, and that the torch has passed, finally, and irrevocably and, this time, without any excuses. For Dwight Braxton's intensity needs no excuses; it burns brighter than any man's and may light up the light heavyweight scene for some time to come.

Ronnie Harris, 160½, Canton, Ohio, won a unanimous decision over Bobby Paterson, also 160½, Salisbury, North Carolina, eight.

Mike Fisher, 175, Paterson, N.J., won a majority verdict over Leon McDonald, 183½, Deerfield Beach, Florida, four.

Dwight (Tiger) Walker, 158, Newark, N.J., kayoed Reggie Moore, 166½, Lakewood, N.J., in 2:59 of the first round.

Steve Traitz, Jr., 162, Norristown, Pa., TKO'd Ben Vereen, 158, Harpers Ferry, West Virginia, at 1:38 of round three.

Kevin Moley, 158, Long Island, knocked out Charles Clark, 150, Paterson, in 1:46 of the first.

Prelim referees—Rudy Battle, Bob Polis, Hank Cisco, Frank Cappuccino.

Prelim judges—Tommy Cross, Eddie Woods, Joe Sweeney, Adalaide Tyndale.

Timekeepers—James Mina and Tommy Malandro.

Ringside Physicians—Dr. Wallace Davidson, Dr. Ernest Williams.

(08-07-82)

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ZAPATA-TOMORI
WBC Junior Flyweight Title

KANAZAWA, JAPAN—Lanky lefty Hilario Zapata, 108, regained the WBC light flyweight title by eking out a split decision over defending champion Tadashi Tomori, also 108, after 15 boring rounds at the Ishikawa Prefectural Industrial Arena.

The scoring was as follows: Harold Lederman and Henry Elespuru, both 144-141, Zapata; Lou Filippo, 144-143, Tomori. Referee Steve Crosson didn't score due to the WBC rules.

Zapata's three-inch height advantage proved a great advantage. He managed to avert most of Tomori's sharp one-twos, although Tadashi took the first round by cutting off the ring and scoring with a few fast combos. Tomori also won round two.

The third frame saw Zapata throw long right jabs while Tomori, a gutsy speedster with twinkling eyes, began circling to his right. Zapata's found.

The fourth and fifth were uneventful, but the sixth round saw Zapata streaming with blood from a cut over the right eyebrow—the result of a butt. Tomori was aggressive, scoring with right leads following by looping left hooks to take the round.

The seventh canto was about even, with Tomori shuffling forward and Zapata moving to and fro. Tomori took the eighth round on aggression.

Tadashi landed a few sharp rights to Zapata's face in the closing seconds of the ninth, but they weren't sufficient to win him the round. Zapata apparently wasn't the Zapata who stopped Shigeo Nakajima in 11 onesided rounds in 1980. He may have been too cautious—remembering the "lucky punch" Amado Ursua had landed to knock him out in the second round five months ago.

The first 10 rounds were tough to score, since Tomori was the aggressor but Zapata had shown superb defense. But, from the 11th on, Zapata had the edge.

Tomori's stamina deserted him, and he didn't toss nearly as many punches as before. Zapata, for his part, threw stinging jabs, and won the 12th through 14th rounds with relative ease.

When the contest ended, the crowd let the men know how they felt. It had been a lousy fight.

Referee Crosson raised Zapata's hand, and Hilario hugged his manager, Luis Spada, in joy. The most dejected men in the arena, of course, were Tomori, his handler, Hitoshi Misako, and his veteran trainer, Eddie Taunsend. They shrugged their shoulders and angrily uttered, "Why Zapata?"

"This decision was wrong," protested Misako. "The challenger, Zapata, wasn't aggressive, and didn't score as many points as my boy did. At worst, this bout should

have been a draw." Misako demanded a rematch.

It really was a difficult fight to score. Zapata certainly was less aggressive, but he was superior in ring generalship, especially in the last five rounds. Neither man, however, scored clean, effective hits.

Zapata is now 20-2 with eight knockouts. Tomori is 19-6 with five kayoes.

Watanabe (Harbor) Yamagami, 145¼, stopped Noboru Kawaguchi, 146½, at 2:54 of round three in a scheduled eight.

Four-rounders: Toshifumi Aoki, 117½, stopped Hiroyuki Aikata, 116½, at 1:16 of the third. Kenya Ken, 150¼, polished off Hiroshi Ichikawa, 151, in 0:53 of the second. Kenji Azuma, 117½, halted Toshio Maekawa, 118, in 1:04 of the first. Kisashiro Asuka, 140, stopped Shiro Harada, 138¾, at 1:39 of the second. Takamasa Nonoyama, 107, disposed of Hitoshi Taniguchi, also 107, in 2:15 of the first round in the opener.

WBC witness—Antonio Sciarra (Italy).

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(07-20-82)

JOE Y. KOIZUMI

WATANABE-BALLAS
WBA Junior Bantamweight Title

OSAKA, JAPAN—Southpaw Jiro Watanabe, 115, retained his WBA junior bantamweight crown by stopping former champ Gustavo Ballas, 114¾, at the end of the ninth round in their scheduled 15-session title bout at Osaka Prefectural Gymnasium.

The battle was hard fought, and Watanabe started the fire works in the first round by throwing light but rapid combos to Ballas' face. Gustavo avoided most of Jiro's opening rallies, but the Japanese's sharp lefts gave him the frame.

The second round saw Ballas still cautious and cool. Jiro kept throwing light punches, but Gustavo caught them on his gloves and shoulders. Watanabe did, however, land a right hook to the challenger's left cheek, shaking him up effectively in the closing seconds. It was Jiro's round.

Ballas took the next frame, working with body punches in order to slow the champion down. Watanabe spent a fair amount of time on the defensive, and Ballas took command by overcoming Jiro's combos with his body shots.

The fourth was about even. Watanabe threw fast combos to the face, while Ballas continued to dig his wide angle punches to the midsection.

Ballas took the sixth round with a furious attack to Watanabe's breadbasket. Watanabe tried to counter, but in vain.

Gustavo chased Jiro with looping punches to the body in the seventh round, while the champ, circling to his right, tried to counter. Watanabe wasn't able to move very well—Ballas' body bombardments had taken their toll—but managed to connect with straight lefts and rights in the last 30 seconds. It was close.

Ballas came out fighting in the eighth round, firing his punches to the body. The circling, retreating Watanabe retaliated with straight lefts. Ballas has been called a second Nicolino Loche due to his excellent defensive technique, but he seemed to lose his coolness against Watanabe. The two men mixed it up, and the round was even.

No sooner had the ninth begun than Watanabe landed a good straight left to the button. Ballas staggered to the ropes, and the champion nailed him with a continuous stream of lefts and rights for the remainder of the round. Ballas shook his head; he wanted to give up, and referee Rudy Jordan stopped the bout just after the bell sounded.

Unaware of the stoppage, Watanabe and his cornermen prepared for the next round. Jordan then came to his corner and raised his hand in victory.

"Watanabe was a great fighter and champion," said Ballas in his dressing room. "He was the strongest of all the opponents I've met. I know, only I know, why I lost this night. I don't want to say why . . ."

Watanabe praised Ballas' power. "Ballas was a game challenger," he said. "His sticky body punches considerably weakened me. But my aggressive attacks finally exhausted him."

Watanabe, a graduate of Ottemon University, thus registered his 11th kayo in 16 wins against one loss (to WBC champ Chul-Ho Kim last year). If he develops a better defense, Jiro might become a really great champ, *a la* Yoko Gushiken. This was the first time in 60 contests Ballas had been stopped. He's now 57-2-1 with 22 knockouts.

The scoring after eight rounds was as follows: referee Jordan, 78-75; judges Gordon Volkman and Joe Bunsa, 80-72 and 78-76, respectively, all in Jiro's favor.

The give-and-take affair was fought in extremely hot weather—95°F—and the humidity was beyond description.

Hot or cold, however, it was truly a great fight.

Hiroyuki Seki, 115, dropped Kazuo Katsuma, also 115, time and again, stopping him at 1:19 of the second in their scheduled 10-rounder.

Fujio Ito, 110¾, knocked out Koshiro Yamamoto, 111¼, in 2:58 of the second round in a scheduled six.

Four-rounders: Yoshitaka Misumi, 133¾, outscored Suejiro Kuramura, 135. Fumio Ozaki, 114½, outpointed Katsunori Nagamoto, also 114½, in the opener.

WBA witness—Dr. Elias Cordova (Ratings Committee chairman).

Presented by Kiyoshi Yoshii's Osaka Teiken Promotions with the aid of Tokyo Teiken's Akihiko Honda. Nationally telecast by Nippon TV.

Matchmaker—Paul Tiglao.

Attendance—6,500.

(07-29-82)

JOE Y. KOIZUMI

CASTILLO-CARDONA
WBC Flyweight Title

MERIDA, MEXICO—Former WBC junior flyweight champion Freddie (Chato) Castillo, 111, Merida, won the WBC fly crown by outpointing defending champion Prudencio Cardona, also 111, Colombia, over 15 rounds at Carte Clara Baseball Park.

Lupe Madera, 109, outpointed former WBA junior flyweight champion Pedro Flores, also 109, 10.

Rodolfo Ortega, 113, TKO'd former WBC flyweight king Miguel Canto, also 113, in the seventh round of their scheduled 10.

Eduardo (Lalo) Acosta, 109, stopped Pedro Galaviz, 111, in five. Carlos (Calin) Castro, 118, outscored Jose (Latigo) Montejo, also 118, 10. Babe Luis, 108, outpointed Jose Pineda, 109, eight.

(07-24-82)

EDUARDO AMER G.

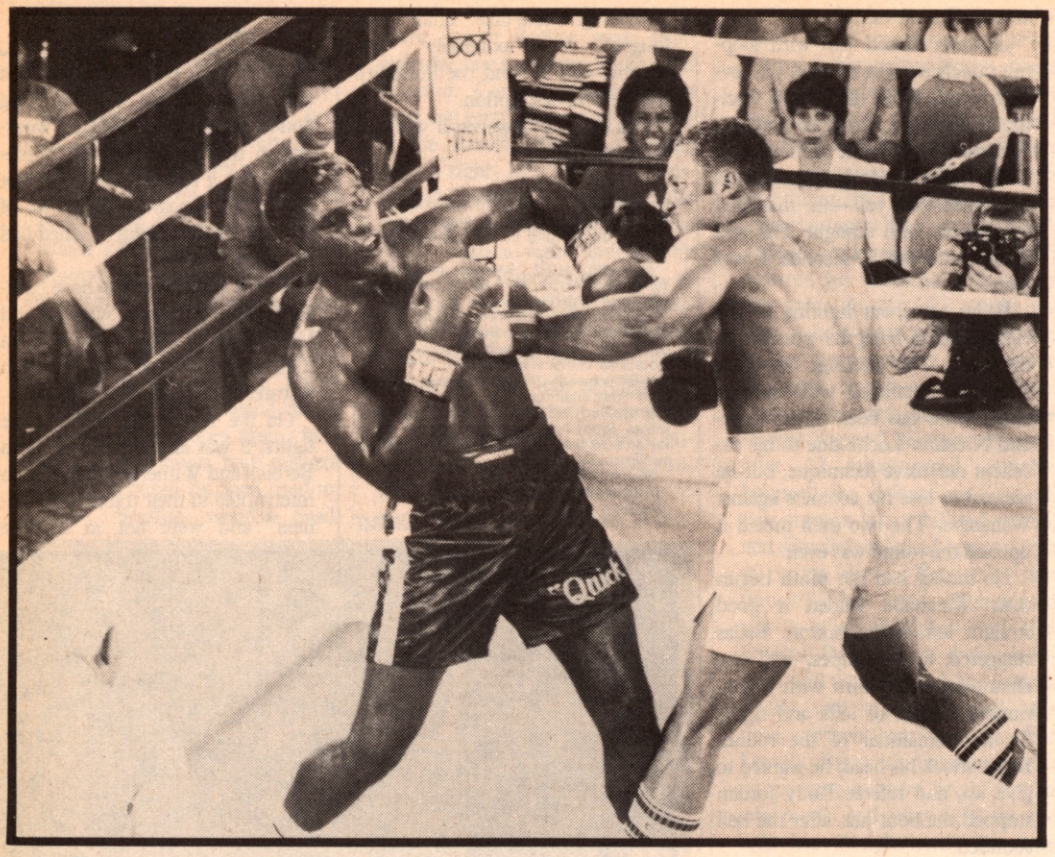
THOMAS-TILLIS

CLEVELAND, OHIO—August 14th and 15th started out as a Don King double barreled heavyweight weekend in this, the promoter's hometown. But it ended up a single shot due to an "illness" that hit two of the four ranked fighters scheduled for the main goes.

Trevor Berbick was to have battled Renaldo Snipes on Saturday and James (Quick) Tillis was to take on Tim Witherspoon on Sunday, both features to be nationally televised.

On the Wednesday prior to the fights, it was announced that both Berbick and Witherspoon had been interrupted in their training by "illness" and were not in suitable shape to fight—and would not. The first thought was for "Mr." Snipes to go on against Tillis, but the Snipes camp declared they had trained for Berbick, and could not fight "Quick." The promotions were, at this point, dead.

But wait! Due to Tillis' spirit of cooperation, and the hustle of the Don King people, all was not lost. The next morning saw the announcement of a Saturday show featuring James (Quick) Tillis against "substitute" Pinklon Thomas of Philadelphia, who happened to be ready because of an upcoming fight with Jeff Shelburg, who was nice enough to release Thomas from the contract. So, Cleveland would have a heavy-



weight fight after all, and so would the nation—via ABC.

The 24-year-old Thomas arrived in Cleveland on Thursday night with a 19-0 (16 kayoes) record and a few fans and bunches of pink fliers depicting the 213-pound heavyweight. Though a sub, Pinklon was known by many fight people as a possibly tougher foe than Witherspoon.

Meanwhile, the local boxing public had accepted Tillis as their own, as the congenial cowboy from Tulsa, Oklahoma, lent himself steadily to local TV and newspapers, roping fans at workouts, appearing on talk shows, and attending church.

Just before the bout, Don King and Larry Holmes told the Tillis camp, which included Harry Wilson and the astute Angelo Dundee, that an impressive win over Thomas would get him a shot at the title. The 1,500-crowd at Stouffer's Ballroom had Tillis the winner before either fighter stepped into the ring, but Thomas, flanked by Lou Duva and George Benton, had other ideas. All three felt that, even though Tillis' only loss in 23 outings had been to Mike Weaver on points last October, this was a chance for Pinklon to breat into the heavyweight picture.

Thomas and Tillis challenged each other with the traditional stares during the prefight instructions at ring center. Thomas even gave Tillis a shove after referee Jackie Keough's "do's" and "don'ts" were over.

From the beginning, Thomas, a converted southpaw, jabbed stiff and hooked hard to Tillis' mouth, but was kept honest by the retaliating "Quick." After three good rounds, Tillis seemed to slow down, and Thomas started to connect with hard conters.

In the sixth and seventh, Tillis was staggered by a seemingly tired Thomas, who pushed forward with his left hand at his hip. In the eighth round, Thomas acted early, staggering Tillis again and forcing a stoppage at 0:58 of the session.

"Keough did a good job," stated Dundee. "I was thinking of stopping it myself." Angie's verbal efforts during the bout included "Stop posing and fight" and "You ain't doing nothing. You're going to sleep on me again." All in vain.

Tillis said little after the bout. "All I can say is it wasn't my night. No excuses." Quick left the ring after congratulating Thomas with a handshake.

A jubilant Pinklon Thomas, who'd come in at 213 against Tillis' 216, claimed that Quick had got confused by his stiff jab. "My strategy was to take it to him. He can't fight going backwards." Thomas also said he didn't think Tillis could punch like he did. "This was my biggest fight and my biggest win. Tillis can really punch."

So, Cleveland got another major bout, Pinklon Thomas got recognition, Trevor Berbick and Tim Witherspoon got suspended for their "illnesses," and James (Quick) Tillis, a real cowboy, by the way, got upset. Tillis, however, was soothed by the assuring words of Dundee. "You've got to congratulate the other guy. It was his day. You've got a winning day coming."

Willie Edwards, Detroit, kayoed Dale Grant, Portland, in the 10th round of a scheduled 12 for the NABF lightweight title.

Larry Frazier, Portland, won a unanimous duke over Floyd (Jumbo) Cummings, Chicago, 10, heavyweights.

Mitchell Green, New York, won a unanimous decision over Grady Daniels, St. Louis, eight rounds, heavies.

David Bey, Philadelphia, knocked out Jack Wakins, Cleveland, in the second, heavies.

Lonnie Smith, Denver, won a unanimous decision over Bobby Jones, Painesville, eight, lightweights.

Johnny Johnson, Detroit, kayoed Reggie Hicks, Cleveland, in the first round, lights.

Marshall Brandon, Youngstown, Ohio, won a unanimous decision over Bobby King, Cleveland, four rounds, middles.

Matchmakers—Bobby Goodman, Duke Durden, Ron Holmes.
(08-14-82)

DON MYERS

GOMEZ-RUBALDINO
WBC Junior Featherweight Title

SAN JUAN, P.R.—WBC super bantamweight (i.e., junior featherweight) champion Wilfredo Gomez had said his desire to continue in ring warfare was dampened by the tragic death of Salvador Sanchez. "The only thing," he said, "that kept me going was the thought of avenging the only loss in my career against Salvador Sanchez."

But, after scoring an eighth round TKO victory over Mexico's Roberto Rubaldino—the 16th successful defense of his 122-pound title—Gomez was again looking ahead, towards a featherweight title bout in the ensuing scramble that would produce a successor to the late, great Sanchez.

Rubaldino, 122, was no match for the fast punching and fast moving champion, and the Mexican's only moment of glory came in the fourth round, when a piston-like right caught Gomez off balance and sent him back on his heels. The champion retaliated with an even greater ferocity, forcing Rubaldino to give ground.

Gomez, also 122, appeared to be his old self. The lateral movement, the quick hands, the razor sharp combinations of jabs and hooks—they were all there. Rubaldino didn't win a round and, when the pace began to tell on him, he decided not to come out for the eighth round. Roberto complained bitterly about Wilfredo hitting him low, and about Venezuelan referee Isidro Rodriguez not warning him.

A cut over the left eyelid was considered a major cause of the stoppage, but the Mexican insisted that he was hurt by low blows. It appeared, however, that he just had nothing left.

What's next for Gomez. Well, he has a $500,000 set for a pending defense against Lupe Pintor. (He made $175,000 against Rubaldino.) Then he plans to abdicate his title for a 126-pound championship match.

No one will ever know if Gomez

could have beaten Sanchez in a rematch, but Wilfredo has no one to blame but himself for what happened in their first bout. He has learned his lesson, and is now a finely conditioned, well disciplined fighter. But that second bout with Sanchez—that dream rematch that never materialized—will always be preying on his mind.

Ivan Montalvo, 135¾, Puerto Rico, won a unanimous decision over Roque Montoya, 134, Mexico, 10. Montalvo is now 15-3-2. Montoya is 21-2.

Ronnie Shields, 141, Houston, Texas, TKO'd Eddie Campbell, 143, New York, at 2:29 of the fourth round in their scheduled 10. Shields is now 15-1. Campbell is 12-14.

"Sweet" Irving Mitchell, 126, San Diego, Calif., won a unanimous decision over Bernabe Montanez, also 126, 10. Mitchell is now 18-0 with 11 kayoes. Montanez is 14-3-1.

Rafael Solis, 132, Puerto Rico, won a unanimous decision over Sergio Aguirre, also 132, Houston, Texas, 10. Solis is now 33-2. Aguirre is 16-3.

Former world bantamweight champion Julian Solis, 123, Puerto Rico, won a unanimous decision over Heriberto Olivares, 122, Puerto Rico, 10.

Julian Jackson, 152, St. Thomas, knocked out Miguel Sepulveda, also 152, Puerto Rico, in 0:24 of round three in a scheduled eight. Jackson is now 9-0. Sepulveda is 6-4.

Edwin DeJesus, 110, Puerto Rico, TKO'd Jose Ortiz, 111, Puerto Rico, at 2:40 of the fourth and final session. DeJesus is now 6-1. Ortiz is 3-1.

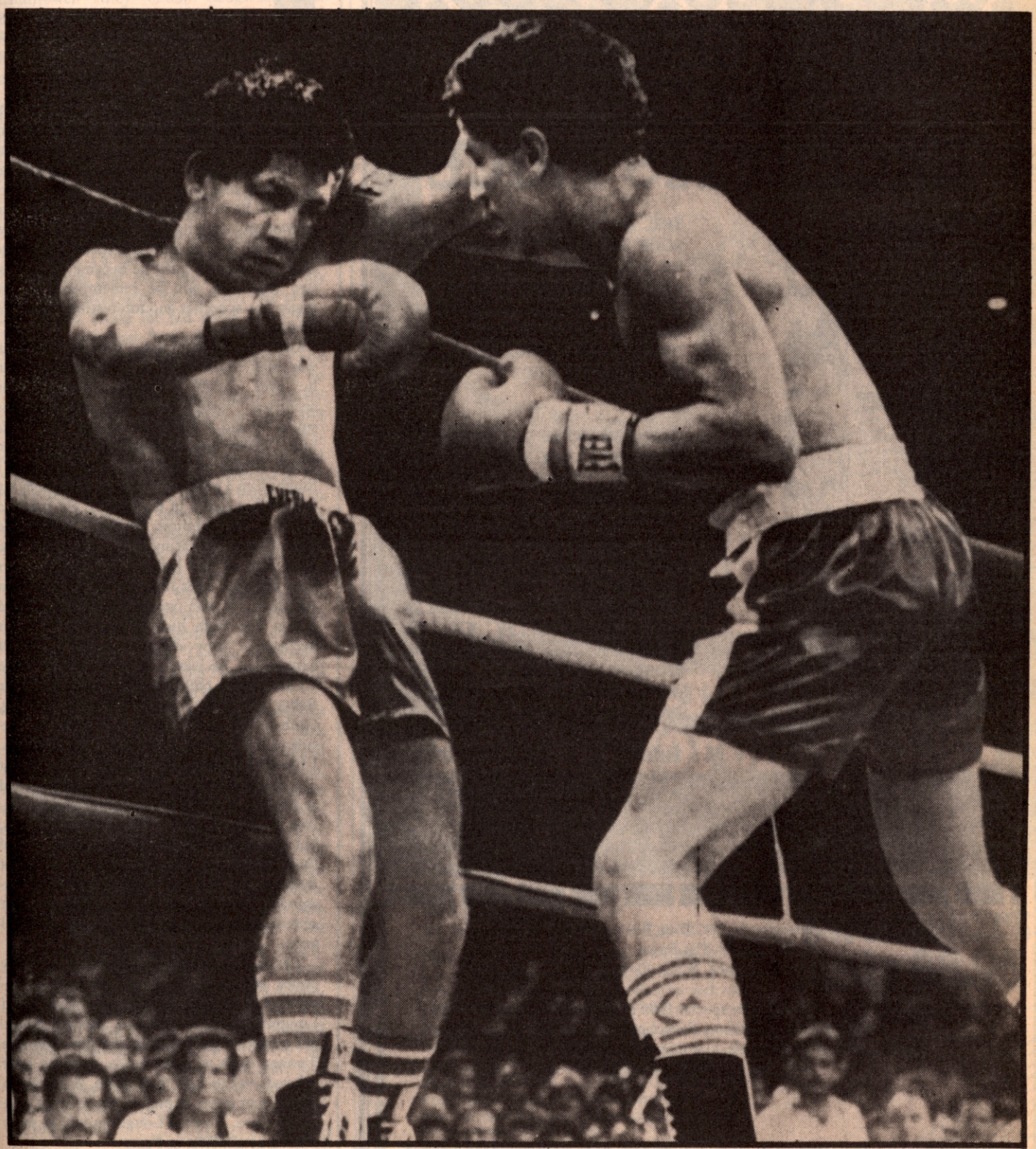
Rafael Escalera, 133, won a unanimous decision over Roberto Ortiz, 134, four.

The card was held at Hiram Bithorn Stadium.

Don King Productions.

(08-18-82)

MARIO RIVERA MARTINO



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VETERAN BOXERS'

WHEN TOMMY LOUGHRAN, PASSED ON this past July the National Veteran Boxers Association lost its Honorary President. The former great light heavyweight champion was an honest and very dedicated boxing figure who will be missed at the annual NVBA convention this coming October in Atlantic City. Loughran, was an annual attendant at all the past conventions until he became ill the past two years. He will be remembered for his many fine speeches and interesting tales of his boxing career.

Once in Philadelphia, Tommy Loughran was asked for his opinion of the toughest man he ever fought. Without hesitation he answered "Greb," and with his handsome smile, he said. "There'll never be another like him. "Harry was the roughest, toughest man I ever fought or heard of. The first time I fought him I took more punishment than any other three fights in my career. He swarmed all over me, heeling, butting, hitting and holding—all but biting. But I learned how to fight him in one battle and I could always hold my own after that. In all, I fought him six times. He won two decisions from me and I won one from him. One other bout was declared a draw and we divided a pair of newspaper decisions in the other bouts. "There was a real bitter feeling in all of our fights. I've often marveled at it. In the ring, Greb and I literally hated each other, but outside of the ring we were mighty good friends. I liked him immensely, except when we met in a business way, and I was sincerely grieved at his death. "Harry was a remarkable man. Not exactly proper in his fighting, perhaps, but you couldn't help liking him in spite of that. When he got away with his style of fighting, he was the toughest opponent imaginable, and the fact that he got away with it so consistently makes him a greater fighter, I guess."

Tommy Loughran fought many legendary bouts, and perhaps one of his most memorable was with Gene Tunney, who floored Loughran in the first round. But the 19 year-old scrapper got up from the deck and gave Tunney such a good battle that the latter refused ever to fight him again. A gentleman and former great human being in every sense of the word, Tommy Loughran will be sorely missed by all. Rest in Peace.

Recently, on behalf of the California Cauliflower Alley Club, Congresswoman Bobbi Fiedler presented President Ronald Reagan with a golden cauliflower ear plaque. President Reagan enjoys boxing and people connected with the sport.

One of the last of the truly great trainers, Al Lacy, passed away July 18th after a lengthy illness. Lacy trained Jack Sharkey, Jackie Fields, Fidel LaBarba, Ernie Schaff and many other fighters of the twenties era. He also trained Paul Pender and Sal Bartolo, former champs from Boston.

Sammy Waters, former good fighter from Harrisburg, Pa. who later became a great trainer from that area, organized the VBA Ring 105 Harrisburg, Pa. Sammy, was president of this group for ten years, then John Boutsellis and now Sweetcakes Brown Lee. Kid Gavilan is a Life Honorary member (The Kid now lives in Hialeah, Fla. where he trains fighters and is doing fine.) Sammy trained just about all members in Ring 105 plus many others, Bee Bee Wright, Sweetcakes Brown Lee, Dave Waters, Jesse and Gene Moraney etc. Sammy is married to his lovely wife Peggy for the past 30 years and in all those years she has been an asset to him in helping him with his fighters. A real fight buff, Peggy attends all the fights, takes pictures and makes robes and trunks for Sammy's boys. The Ring 105's annual fighters' reunion was recently held at member Jeff Adams home in Edgemont, Pa. on July 17, 1982. Harry Jeffra, George Sauerhoff, Gene Goren and Vince Cala from Baltimore were some of the guests who attended.

The oldest gym in Buffalo has moved to new quarters after being started by Jack Singer about sixty years ago. Singer managed ex-champs Tommy Paul and George Nichols, among others. The new gym is called Sudacs Gym and is managed by Ralph Racine who recently retired from the game due to injuries from his last fight. On July 23, 1982, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Colan were hosts to a wonderful surprise cocktail party which was held in the Skyline Room at the St. Moritz Hotel in New York City in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Herrmann—newlyweds who recently returned from their honeymoon in Hawaii. Cheri Herrmann, is the daughter of Johnny Colan, former great light heavyweight contender and president of Ring 8, New York City. Some of the boxing fraternity who were invited to this bash were: Ray Arcel, Charlie Gellman, Bill Gallo, Danny Kapilow, Al Reid, Abe Berman, Phil Rutha, Marty Baker, Julien Mayer and yours truly.

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RINGS AROUND THE WORLD

NORTH AMERICA

UNITED STATES

ARKANSAS

▲ **LITTLE ROCK—Convention Center**—Otis Bates (formerly known as Otis Hardy), 195, Las Vegas, halted veteran Ron Stander, 232, Omaha, Nebraska, in the fifth round of the scheduled 10-round main event. The two had fought a draw in Omaha in 1980.

Ray Jackson, 150, Little Rock, stopped Lester Groves, 154, Jonesboro, Arkansas, in the second round of their scheduled 10.

Jim Green, Fort Smith, Arkansas, knocked out Robert Thomas, Memphis, in the fifth round of a scheduled six-round middleweight encounter.

James Coleman, Little Rock, kayoed Anthony Campbell, Little Rock in the first round of a scheduled four-round middleweight affair.

Jon Phillips, Little Rock, outpointed Eddie Oglesby, four, light heavies.

Promoter—Buddy Holderfield.

Attendance—950.

(07-06-82)

▲ **LITTLE ROCK—Convention Center**—Otis Bates, 195, Las Vegas, stopped Dan Kiser, 182, Memphis, Tenn., on cuts at the end of round eight in the scheduled 10-round main event.

Ray Jackson, 148, Little Rock, knocked out Gilbert Miranda, 146, Jonesboro, in 2:55 of the sixth round in their scheduled 10.

James Coleman, 157, Little Rock, kayoed Donnie Hopper, 158, Little Rock, in 1:06 of the first round in a scheduled four.

Eddie Sharp, 222, Fort Smith, knocked out Larry Jones, 230, Little Rock, in the second round of their scheduled four.

J.D. Dobbins, 144, Little Rock, halted Bodie Loftis, 146, Little Rock, in the second round of the scheduled four-round opener.

Promoter—Buddy Holderfield.

Attendance—800.

(07-27-82)

JIM BAILEY

CALIFORNIA

▲ **SACRAMENTO**—Fighter Bobby Chacon is on a collision course with his dream of one last chance at the world junior-lightweight title. The other night, the "reborn" former featherweight champion beat up rugged Arturo Leon over ten rounds at the memorial Auditorium, and moved a step further in what is his last comeback.

Although Chacon, 133, trounced the 33-year old Leon convincingly, it was not a one-sided fight; throughout the main event both fighters went on their heels and traded flurries of punches. For some strange, (and foolish) reason the 30-year old Chacon seldom used his considerable boxing skills. Instead, he fought recklessly, charging after Leon with both fists flying, and little concern for defense. He scored well with right hand leads to the body and combinations to the head, but he left himself open time and again and he paid for it. When Chacon circled and jabbed, he could not miss. There were a few moments he went back to boxing, but they were just pauses, quite brief, to a man who had to be aggressive.

Leon, 134, from Arizona, put up a strong fight. The action was pure 'home-brew' to the packed, boisterous crowd that turned out for their new hero. Chacon's victory avenges a loss to Leon by split decision five years ago.

(06-15-82)

▲ **MARIN**—Professional boxing came to ultra-chic Marin County and a batch of local preliminary fighters aroused a good turnout of fans who went bananas over the show.

Co-promoters Arif Khatib and Manny Pirlano treated the 626 cash customers to a card that was thick with thrills but short on skills. The 10-round main event paired two imported middleweights, almost complete unknowns to the audience, but the match was a sensational slugfest from start to finish, a real barroom brawl, and the novice crowd ate it up, cheering every punch. When the dust settled, Bert Lee, from San Diego, won a unanimous decision over Tommy Howard, of Seattle.

Although Bert Lee, 159, began to dominate from the fourth round on, Howard, 160½, continually came back with looping hooks to the winner's head that brought the crowd to their feet in almost every round.

A four bout undercard of local newcomers attracted the majority of fans, and each fight was more or less a crowd pleaser, though one of the local kids suffered his first defeat. This was the first boxing card to be held at the Marin Civic Center and the promoters are planning cards every two weeks.

The big heros of the evening were Jack Padia of Penn Grove and Andy Nance of Novato, as both young fighters remained unbeaten in the pro ranks. Padia, 160, beat up unwilling Leonard Santana, 161, Oakland, to the delight of his friends in the audience. Santana showed no desire to fight back and finally the referee halted the one-sided match at 2:20 of the third for the winner's second straight victory. Scheduled for six rounds, Padia took command in the opening seconds with a few punches to his opponent's body.

Andy Nance, 135, also won his second straight fight, scoring a unanimous decision over Jerry Lewis, 136½, from San Jose, after six rounds. Nance rattled Lewis on numerous exchanges, mostly with an overhand right to the face, but never came close to stopping his opponent. Nance was effective with his jab and displayed good boxing skills throughout the contest.

In another six-rounder, undefeated Johnny Nava, 161, Pacifica, pushed his record to 9-0, after knocking out Paddy Wilson, 161½, Portland, in the third round. Nava handled Wilson rather easily and finally stretched him out on the canvas with a left-right combination to the jaw. Wilson had complained of being struck low a few times, and in the second went down from a punch that missed, though the referee allowed him a brief rest in his corner. Nava may have been low with a few shots, but not to the extent that the veteran from Portland claimed.

In the final six-rounder, the unbeaten streak of Barry Nunes came to an end after six in a row when Eric Martin, 143, San Francisco, knocked Nunes, 141, San Rafael, down in the fifth and went on to win a unanimous diecision.

(07-16-82)

CHRISTOPHER COATS

CONNECTICUT

▲ **BRIDGEPORT—Wonderland of Ice**—Bobby Joe Young, 145½, Bridgeport, stopped Pedro Acosta, 148, Chicago, in round two of a slated 10. Young completely outclassed his foe, bombarding Acosta with a series of punches before referee Sam Maltempo called a halt.

Ralph Cuomo, 262, Bayside, New York, halted Scott Lukachik, 210, Bridgeport, in the third round of a scheduled eight. Scott held his own in the first frame, but was dropped once in the second round and twice more in the third.

Mike Sachetti, 158, Huntington, West Virginia, won an unpopular decision over Mark Mainero, 159, Boston, six.

Dan Chapman, 152, Albany, outpointed Eddie Tyler Torrington, Long Island, six.

Muhammad Hakeem, 181, Jersey City, N.J., halted Tyrone Booze, 178, Hartford, in three.

Terry Crawley, 153, Norwalk, won a majority verdict over George Ruiz, 150, Hamden, four.

Eddie DeJesus, 131, Norwalk, and Jake Reilly, 135, Albany, drew, four.

Officials—Walter Longo, Sam Maltempo, Bob Muravnick.

Timekeeper—Lou Dell.

Announcer—Steve Kohler.

Promoter—BEL Productions.

Attendance—491. Gross—$7,800.

(07-09-82)

JOSEPH CASSANO

FLORIDA

▲ **MIAMI BEACH—Auditorium**—Former WBC junior lightweight champion Alfredo Escalera, 141¼, won a majority decision over Johnny Lira, also 141¼, Chicago, 10. Scoring: referee Bernie Soto, 96-96; judges Gus Davidson and Al Walinsky, 97-96 and 96-94, respectively, Escalera. A last round rally pulled it out for the former champ.

Veteran Martin Vargas, 112¼, Chile, TKO'd former WBA junior flyweight champion Juan Guzman, 113, Dominican Republic, at 1:10 of the first session. A right to the head put Juan on Queer Street, and the scheduled 10 was over.

Ramon Perez, 115½, Puerto Rico, won a unanimous decision over Jaime Miranda, 117½, Chile, 10.

Rubin Herasme, 127, Puerto Rico, TKO'd Terry Kemp, 128, Fort Myers, at 1:35 of round six, when referee Bernie Soto halted the sensational bout due to a torn ligament in Kemp's right shoulder.

Artie Johnson, 139, Ft. Lauderdale, and Fernando Martinez, Puerto Rico, drew, six.

Luis Urraca, 135, Dominican Republic, TKO'd Dale Bendross, 141, Homestead, at 1:50 of the first.

Angel DeLeon, 160, Puerto Rico, kayoed Kevin McKinney, 158, Homestead, in 2:37 of the first round in a scheduled four.

Ivan Vasquez, 141, Puerto Rico, TKO'd Ritchie Duest, 145½, Ft. Myers, at 0:50 of the fourth and final round.

Alexis Arguello was introduced at ringside and received a standing ovation.

Promoters—Felix Zubala and Walter Alverez.

Attendance—1,500.

(07-02-82)

▲ **MIAMI—Milander Auditorium**—Steve Whetstone, 114, won a shutout unanimous decision over Terry Pizzaro, 114½, Ft. Lauderdale, in eight-round main event.

Dexter Smith, 141, Miami, knocked out Emilio Diaz, 141, Miami, in 0:40 of round three with a sneak right to the jaw.

Dex Bowman, 160, Miami, kayoed Eddie Ruffin, 168, Miami, in 2:34 of the second in a scheduled six.

Popular Larry Byrd, 147½, Miami, TKO'd Eddie Flanning, 149, Georgia, who couldn't come out for round three.

Adolfo Medel, 133, Miami, TKO'd Carlos Albuerne, 129, Miami, who couldn't come out for round five.

Four-rounders: Jorge Fonseca, 156, Miami, TKO'd Clarence Mann, 162, Ft. Lauderdale, at 2:18 of round three. Jose Ribalta, 206, Miami, kayoed Gabriel Saenz, 200, Texas, at 1:20 of the second. LeRoy Lucero, 125, Mexico, knocked out Alex Medel, 126, Miami, with a terrific right uppercut in 2:40 of the second.

Promoter—Julio Martinez.

Attendance—600.

(07-09-82)

▲ **TAMPA—Oasis Ballroom**—Wilford Scypion, 161, Port Arthur, Texas, won a unanimous decision over previously unbeaten Mark Frazie, 160, Portsmouth, Ohio, 10. Scypion is now 22-3. Frazie is 18-1 with 11 kayoes.

Michael Bradley, 140½, Columbus, outpointed Luis Mejias, 138½, Puerto Rico, 10. Bradley is now undefeated in 17 fights. He hurt his right hand in the third round, and won the fight with a good left.

Michael Dewar, 151, Kingston, Jamaica, TKO'd Greg Young, 148, Orlando, at 1:47 of the third round in a scheduled 10. Dewar is now 17-1. He dropped Young once in the second and again in the third before referee Raymond Rodriguez stopped the contest.

Pedro Laza, 135, Miami, TKO'd Gary Barlow, 134½, Lenoir, North Carolina, at 1:36 of the fourth round in their scheduled 10. Laza is now 15-1.

Alan Hetrick, 154, Camden, S.C., outscored Danny Alexander, 155, Pahokee, Florida, six.

Keith Stevenson, 135, Kentucky, outpointed Chris Calvin, 134½, Nashville, Tenn., six.

Leroy Hester, 163, Miami, TKO'd Gary Clarke, 160, Camden, S.C., at 1:27 of the first. Hester is now 8-0 with seven kayoes.

Ken Robin, 146½, Miami, outpointed Billy Sellers, 146½, Nashville, four.

Promoter—Phil Alessi.

Matchmaker—Ken Rosenberg.

Attendance—1,500.

(07-11-82)

▲ **WEST PALM BEACH—Auditorium**—Leon McDonald, 175, Deerfield Beach, retained his Florida State light heavy title with a boring unanimous decision over Greg Sorrentino, also 175, Ft. Lauderdale, 10. The busiest man in the ring was referee Eddie Eckhart.

Ray Dennis, 130, Boynton Beach, outscored Herminio Hernandez, 131½, Belle Grade, six.

Steve Whetstone, 115, Miami, halted Johnny Diaz, 116, Mexico, at 0:45 of the third round in a scheduled eight.

Reiner Hartmann, 224, Germany, won a unanimous decision over Henry Patterson, 197, Hickory, North Carolina.

Don Setzer, 153, Sunrise, kayoed Al Cooke, 154, West Palm Beach, in 1:45 of the seventh in a scheduled eight.

Ceotis Burgess, 145, won a unanimous duke over Raul Hernandez, 144, Miami, four.

Ken Davis, 204, Ft. Myers, outscored Ervin Blye, 216, West Palm Beach, four.

Promoter—Ernie Letiziano.

Attendance—1,705.

(07-17-82)

▲ **FT. LAUDERDALE—War Memorial Auditorium**—Bill Medei, 161, Miami, and "Irish" Mutt Daniels, 159, drew, eight. The judges disagreed, and referee Eddie Eckhart called the contest even.

Juan Arroyo, 136½, Miami, knocked out Arthur Johnson, 142, Ft. Lauderdale, with a left hook to the body and two left hooks to the chin in 0:47 of the first round in a scheduled six.

Jose Ribalta, 204, Miami, dropped Orlando's Curtis Gaskins, 216, twice and stopped him at 1:40 of the first round in their scheduled six. Ribalta is now 6-0.

Larry Byrd, 147, Miami, knocked down Archie Crews, 149½, Orlando, three times in the sixth and last round, forcing referee Bernie Soto to stop the bout. Crews had dropped Byrd for a nine count in the second.

Wes Vickers, 162½, Miami, made his pro debut by stopping Jack Cole, 158½, Miami, at 2:20 of round three in a scheduled four.

Jack Johnson, 188, Miami, knocked out Ken Wring, 207½, Margate, in 1:01 of the first round. Johnson is now 3-0-1.

Vickie LaMatta and Petey Scalzo were at ringside.

Promoters—Hank Kaplan, Ramiro Ortiz.

Attendance—1,200.

(07-20-82)

▲ **MIAMI BEACH—Convention Hall—**Martin Vargas, 111, Chile, won the vacant Continental American (i.e., western hemisphere) flyweight title with a unanimous decision over Jesus (Sugar) Rojas, 112, Colombia, 12. Scoring: referee Bill Connors, 117-110; judge Barry Perlman, 117-113, judge Al Walensky, 119-108. Rojas, floored by a left hook in round four, was in just to stay the limit. He lost for the first time in 12 bouts. Vargas is now 71-8-2.

Orlando Maldonado, 116, Puerto Rico, won a unanimous decision over Jaime Miranda, 118, Chile, 10. Maldonado had been out of action for 14 months.

Johnny de la Rosa, 131, Dominican Republic, TKO'd Patricio Carrasco, 134½, Chile, who couldn't come out for the fourth. Carrasco had been taking a severe beating, and had sustained a cut over his left eye.

Juan Mejias, 141, Miami, won a unanimous duke over Tony Torres, 148½, Homestead, six.

Ivan Vasquez, 142, outpointed Ken Woods, 141½, South Carolina, four.

Michael Mersalino, 177, Miami, and Robert Andrews, 175, drew in the opening four.

Promoter—Felix Zabala (Tuto Enterprises).

Attendance—1,800.

(07-23-82)

▲ **WEST PALM BEACH—Auditorium—**Lee Canalito, 246½, floored Luis Acosta, 212, Argentina, three times in the first round, forcing referee Jay Edson to call a halt at 2:20 of the session. Lee, whose manager, Sylvester Stallone, was present (along with his friend, Burt Reynolds, and a packed house), is now 11-0.

Ken Klingman, 165, Miami Beach, knocked out Max Hord, also 165, Fernando Beach, with a straight right to the chin in 2:12 of the opening round in the scheduled 10-round main event. Klingman is now 22-0—all kayoes!

Beaver Longmeir, 150, Belle Glade, won a unanimous decision over Frank Medina, 153, Nicaragua, 10.

Steve Whetstone, 115, Homestead, kayoed Rico Alfred, 116, West Palm Beach, with a terrific right shot to the body in 1:40 of the third round in a scheduled eight.

Ray Dennis, 132, Ft. Lauderdale, TKO'd Frank Valdez, 129, Tampa, at 2:20 of the third round in their scheduled eight. Dennis floored Valdez thrice, and referee Bernie Soto called a halt.

Ken Davis floored J.C. Richardson, 220, West Palm Beach, twice in the first round, and referee Soto stopped the scheduled six-round bout at 2:10 of the session.

Promoter—Ernie Letiziano.

Matchmaker—Lou Barksy.

(07-31-82)

▲ **MIAMI BEACH—Convention Hall—**Hector Cortes, 126, Ecuador, won a split decision over Juvenal Ordenenes, 125¼, Chile, 10. This was a torrid affair all the way, and the Chilean's first pro defeat.

Popular Steve Whetstone, 117, in his first 10-rounder, won a unanimous verdict over Wilfredo Padron, 119, Venezuela. Steve lost three out of the first four sessions, but came off the canvas in round four to take the last six heats and the decision. Whetstone is now 24-2-1.

Eduardo Prato, 129, Chile, TKO'd Juan Figueroa, 129½, Puerto Rico, at 0:41 of the 10th and final round. Referee Eddie Eckhart stepped in after Prato came out winging in that last heat and dropped Figueroa.

Dexter Smith, 143, Homestead, won a unanimous decision over Luis Mejias, 142½, Puerto Rico, eight.

Fernando Martinez, 138, Puerto Rico, outscored Art Johnson, 140½, Ft. Lauderdale, six.

Luis Urraco, 133½, Puerto Rico, TKO'd Bruce Vega, 135, Homestead, at 2:20 of the first round in a scheduled four.

Mike Cruz, 124½, Puerto Rico, kayoed Jesse Sanchez, 126, Homestead, in 1:35 of the first round in their scheduled four.

Promoter—Tuto Zubala (Tuto Enterprises).

Attendance—1,200.

(08-06-82)

LOUIS ZIPKIN

ILLINOIS

▲ **CHICAGO—Bismark Hotel—**Alfonzo Ratliff, 195, Chicago, knocked out Sandman Parker, 187, Casar, North Carolina, in 0:32 of the sixth round in a scheduled 10.

Terry Whitaker, 139, Chicago, TKO'd Rashed (The Mirage) Aziz, 136, New York, at 2:42 of round three in their scheduled 10.

Lee Roy Murphy, 190, Chicago, knocked out Terry Denny, 176, Lemior, North Carolina, in 2:28 of the third round in their scheduled 10.

Lenny LaPaglia, 161, Melrose Pack, Illinois, kayoed Ernie (Pee Wee) Dunbar, 161¼, Spartenburg, South Cardina, in 2:52 of the first round in a scheduled eight.

Mike (Choir Boy) Landini, 152¼, Chicago, knocked out Sugar Ray Jonny, 150, Cincinnati, in 1:18 of the first round in a scheduled six.

Four-rounders: Veabro (Buzzy) Boykin, 145, Chicago, TKO'd Virgil Lee, 138, Cincinnati, at 1:24 of the first round. Alex Miceli, 141, Chicago, won a unanimous decision over Wayne Ingram, 140, North Chicago. Herbert (Doc) Odom, 151½, Chicago, TKO'd Cassell Kevin Cheatum, 154, Cincinnati, at 2:52 of the second. Odom is 49 years old (Cheatum is 24), and he's now 4-0 as a professional.

Referees—Stanley Berg, Al Preslinger.

Judges—Collins Brown, Al Tremari, John Ricci, Mike Glienna.

Timekeeper—Mike Murphy.

Ringside Physician—Jorge Tovar, M.D.

Announcer—Angelo Buscaglia.

Promoter—Ernest Terrell.

Attendance—1,251.

(07-19-82)

BOB SODERMAN

MASSACHUSETTS

▲ **SOUTH YARMOUTH—Cape Cod Coliseum—**"Superb" Herb Darity, 139½, Hartford, Conn., won a split decision over "Sweet" Steve Hilyard, 137½, Brockton, Mass., 10 rounds, to retain his New England junior welterweight title. Scoring: referee Dick Flaherty, 96-95, Darity; judge Barbara Roach, 98-97, Darity; judge Don O'Neill, 99-97, Hilyard. Darity is now 16-3 with eight kayoes. Hilyard is 10-1.

Sean Mannion, 147, Galway, Ireland and South Boston, Mass., TKO'd Ricky Camero, 149, Lowell, Mass., who was unable to answer the bell for round seven due to an injured ankle. Mannion, a southpaw, was ahead on all three scorecards when the contest ended. The scheduled 10-rounder brought his log to 22-3-1. Camero is 25-6.

Six-rounders: Lew Alexander, 240, Buffalo, knocked out previously undefeated "Irish" Billy Cronin, 210, Medford, Mass., with a powerful right hand to the jaw in 1:23 of the second to bring his record to 4-2. Cronin's younger brother, Danny, 161½, won a split decision over Robert Thomas, 155, Philadelphia, to bring his log to 7-0 with six kayoes. Terry Crawley, 146, Hyannis, Mass., won a unanimous decision over Clyde Graves, 145, Paterson, N.J. James Lucas, 149, Brockton, iced Stan Hull, 154, Philadelphia, in the fourth. Edwin Curet, 133, Brockton, won a split duke over Jeremiah Santiago, 134, Paterson.

Referees—Dick Flaherty, Nick Previti.

Judges—Barbara Roach, Don O'Neill.

Timekeeper—Jim Froio.

Promoter—Jim Troy of Titan Sports, Inc.

Attendance—1,000 (est.)

Television—New England PRISM cable network.

(07-23-82)

STEVE CONNOLLY

MICHIGAN

▲ **DETROIT—Northwest Activity Center—**Alex (Birdman) Byrd, 138, Detroit, knocked out Willie (Floyd) McIntosh, 137, Grand Rapids, with a left hook to the chin in 2:07 of the second. Byrd is now 11-0. McIntosh is 10-8-2.

Khaliq Muhammad, 146, Detroit, kayoed Aaron Price, 144, Columbus, in 2:14 of the first round to bring his pro log to 10-2.

Wayne Powell, 147, knocked out Phil Baittie, 145, Cleveland, in 1:18 of the second to stretch his record to 5-0.

Former amateur star Arthel Lawhorne, 167, Detroit, went to 4-0 as a pro with a unanimous decision over Bobby King, 168, Cleveland, six.

Alvin (Too Sweet) Hayes, 139, Detroit, made it 5-0 with a knockout over Abdul Ali, 140, Cleveland, in 2:29 of the second.

Vernon Bridges, 190, Flint, hotdogged at the wrong time when he was in trouble against the ropes in the third. He invited Dion Simpson, 215, Detroit to go ahead and hit him. Simpson did, with a right hand, and put out Bridges' lights in 2:40 of the round. Simpson is now 6-0. Bridges is 2-5.

Anthony Henry, 127, made his pro debut by winning a four-round decision over tough Rick Spencer, 126, Cleveland, in the opener.

Referees—Hugh Smithers, Marv McDonald.

Judges—Randy Ericson, Chuck McHenry, John Lebou.

Detroit Professional Boxing Club.

Promoter—John Brown.

Matchmaker—Ross Barber.

(06-26-82)

▲ **MUSKEGON—Galaxy Arena—**More than 1,500 fans attended this eight-bout program, and most of them undoubtedly wanted to see if the 50-year-old Kenny Lane could still really handle himself in the ring.

When Dr. Stuart Kirschenbaum, chairman of the Michigan Athletic Board of Control, heard that Lane intended to reenter the pro ring, he immediately notified Kenny's manager, Henry Grooms, to the effect that Lane would have to undergo vigorous stress tests. Lane did, and passed them with flying colors. Kenny's bout with Bobby Plegge was allowed to go on.

Lane, 137, Muskegon, turned in a very good performance in winning an eight-round unanimous decision over the 27-year-old Plegge, 138, Alliance, Ohio. The scores were 78-75, 78-76, and 79-74. Lane is now 78-19-2. Plegge is 27-10.

Ralph Twining, 140, Muskegon, ran his record to 22-4 with a TKO over Tony Taylor, also 140, Indianapolis, who was unable to answer the bell for the sixth round.

Brian Sumner, 140, Jackson, Mich., made his pro debut by flooring Tim Wade, also 140, Sterling, Illinois, three times in the first round for an automatic TKO at 2:25 of the session.

Martin Rivera, 140, Kalamazoo, made his pro debut with a TKO over Rusty Russell, also 140, Sterling, at 0:29 of the second.

Fred Tice, 141, Muskegon, stopped Elias Frias, 140½, Sterling, at 1:55 of the first.

Curtis (Black Death) Isaac, 202, Grand Rapids, halted Vic Brown, 225, Buffalo, with a left hook to the body in 0:45 of the second. Isaac is now 7-1.

Ricardo Bryant, 151, Alliance, Ohio, handed Wes Rockett, 155, Alpena, his first loss in four outings with a stoppage at 2:40 of the second.

Troy Watson, 156, Muskegon Heights, made his pro debut by stopping Terry Russell, 155, Sterling, at 2:15 of the first.

Professional Management Enterprises.

(07-17-82)

DAVE HARTOON

MINNESOTA

▲ **ST. PAUL—Promenade Center Ballroom—**Steve Schwan, 167, a former St. Paul resident now fighting out of Odessa, Texas, won a spirited decision over James Shavers, 165, St. Paul, six.

Eric Mack, 137, St. Paul, knocked out Darrin Warren, 135, St. Paul, in 1:53 of the first round.

Jim (Toby) Tyler, 149, St. Paul, kayoed Andres Lucero Martinez, 150, St. Paul, in 2:35 of the third.

Ted Lee, 179, Minneapolis, knocked out Ben Singleton, 185, Minneapolis, in 1:00 of the second.

Jerry (Icecube) Coolidge, 124, Foley, Minnesota, outscored Calvin Williams, 120, Minneapolis, four.

Referees—Denny Nelson, Leroy Benson, Mert Herrick.

Promoter—Leroy Gardner.

(08-11-82)

GEORGE D. BLAIR

NEVADA

▲ **LAS VEGAS—Hacienda Hotel—**Jaime Garza, 122, Los Angeles, stopped Carmelo Negron, 121¼, New York, at 2:30 of the fifth round in a scheduled 10. Richard Green, referee.

Garza is now 35-0 with 33 kayoes. Negron is 18-2.

Humberto de los Rios, 156, TKO'd Pedro Guerrero, 161, at 1:33 of the fifth round in their scheduled 10. Carlos Padilla, referee. Humberto is now 14-2 with 12 kayoes.

Glenn Kennedy, 173½, knocked out Troy Vaughn, also 173½, in 2:38 of the first round in a scheduled six. Richard Green, referee.

Juan Rodriguez, 120, halted Fernando Medina, 123, in 2:45 of round two in their scheduled six. Carlos Padilla, referee.

Louis Santana, 150, kayoed Jose Luis Cardenas, 152, in 2:27 of the second round in their scheduled six. Richard Green, referee.

Don Chargin Productions. CBS-TV.

(06-19-82)

SHIRLEY NORMAN

NEW JERSEY

▲ **ATLANTIC CITY—Tropicana Hotel Casino—**In a disgraceful main event, Jimmy Young showed all the vigor of a cigar store Indian, loafing away a 10-round unanimous decision to Pat Cuillo. It must have been Pat's birthday, because Jimmy did everything he could to make a gift of this fight. Young's "attack" consisted of flicking jabs, pitty-pat "shoeshines", and an occasional "say-it-with-flowers" right, sent via Western Union. Pat did a lot of posing, befitting his current matinee idol nomme-de-guerre of "Vic Valentino," but did score enough in each round to pitch a near-shutout. He was most effective jabbing and doubling up with the hook.

Cuillo, out of Niagara Falls, weighed 190½, while Young, Philadelphia, came in a fat and out of shape 228. Jimmy's put on some lackadaisical displays in the past, but nothing in the same league with this. The scoring was closer than Young deserved: Richard F. Murry, 5-4-1; William Kostrub, 7-2-1; and ref Zack Clayton, 5-3-2. Most ringsiders barely gave Jimmy two rounds. He took the loss with about as much concern as he would a game of "old maids," offering no excuses and saying only, "I wasn't firing my punches." Pat's "win" establishes him as a cruiserweight hopeful, while Jimmy, his status as a contender apparently ended by the "nobody won" Page bout, has served notice to the division's young lions that he is a movable feast.

Broderick Mason, 201½, Philadelphia, had an easier time with a repeat win over Cincinnati's Larry Givens, 211. With no more coat of rust, Broderick punched sharper to deck Larry twice for a TKO at 1:25 of the fifth.

Phil Capobianco, 186¾, Huntington, Long Island, outpunched Louie De Lembo, 187, Pittsburgh, in a slugfest. Louie was unable to come out for the sixth and final round.

Danny Macaruso, 177½, Providence, punched too sharp

UNITED STATES RATINGS

HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Greg Page (Kentucky)
1. Michael Dokes (Ohio)
2. Gerry Cooney (New York)
3. Tim Witherspoon (Pennsylvania)
4. Randall (Tex) Cobb (Pennsylvania)
5. Pinklon Thomas (Pennsylvania)
6. Renaldo Snipes (New York)
7. James Tillis (Illinois)
8. John Tate (Tennessee)
9. Leon Spinks (Pennsylvania)
10. Larry Frazier (Washington)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Jerry Martin (Pennsylvania)
1. Eddie Mustafa Muhammad (New York)
2. Matthew Saad Muhammad (Pennsylvania)
3. S.T. Gordon (Nevada)
4. Eddie Davis (New York)
5. Jerry Celestine (Louisiana)
6. John Davis (New York)
7. James Scott (New Jersey)
8. Carlos DeLeon (Puerto Rico)
9. Marvin Johnson (Indiana)
10. Bashiru Ali (California)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Dwight Davison (Michigan)
1. Frank Fletcher (Pennsylvania)
2. Thomas Hearns (Michigan)
3. Ray Seales (Washington)
4. James Green (New Jersey)
5. Wilford Scypion (Texas)
6. Bernard Mays (Michigan)
7. Bobby Czyz (New Jersey)
8. Mark Holmes (Pennsylvania)
9. Vinnie Curto (Massachusetts)
10. James Kinchen (California)

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Rocky Fratto (New York)
1. Tony Ayala (Texas)
2. Thomas Hearns (Michigan)
3. Gary Guiden (Indiana)
4. Clint Jackson (Tennessee)
5. Mike McCallum (New York)
6. James Green (New Jersey)
7. Carlos Santos (Puerto Rico)
8. Mario Maldonado (New Jersey)
9. Mark Medal (New Jersey)
10. Buster Drayton (Pennsylvania)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Milton McCrory (Michigan)
1. Donald Curry (Texas)
2. Roger Stafford (Pennsylvania)
3. Kevin Howard (Pennsylvania)
4. Bobby Joe Young (Ohio)
5. Marlon Starling (Connecticut)
6. Mark Harris (New Jersey)
7. Robert Sawyer (Washington, D.C.)
8. Pete Ranzany (California)
9. Randy Shields (California)
10. Sean O'Grady (Oklahoma)

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Johnny Bumphus (Tennessee)
1. Saoul Mamby (New York)
2. Steve Hearon (Texas)
3. Ronnie Shields (Texas)
4. Dujuan Johnson (Michigan)
5. Billy Costello (New York)
6. Willie Rodriguez (Pennsylvania)
7. Bruce Curry (Texas)
8. Monroe Brooks (California)
9. Tony Baltazar (California)
10. Jorge Morales (California)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Howard Davis, Jr. (New York)
1. Edwin Rosario (Puerto Rico)
2. Ruben Munoz (Texas)
3. Andy Ganigan (Hawaii)
4. Gonzalo Montellano (California)
5. Hilmer Kenty (Michigan)
6. Art Frias (California)
7. Roberto Elizondo (Texas)
8. Livingstone Bramble (New Jersey)
9. James Busceme (Texas)
10. Ken Bogner (New Jersey)

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
John Verderosa (New York)
1. Edwin Rosario (Puerto Rico)
2. Rolando Navarrete (Hawaii)
3. Hector Camacho (New York)
4. Bobby Chacon (California)
5. Frankie Baltazar (California)
6. Irving Mitchell (California)
7. Tony Santana (New York)
8. Ralph Aviles (Hawaii)
9. Rafael Solis (Puerto Rico)
10. Louie Loy (Oregon)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Ruben Castillo (California)
1. Juan LaPorte (New York)
2. Rocky Lockridge (New Jersey)
3. Juan (Kid) Meza (California)
4. Bernard Taylor (Tennessee)
5. Jackie Beard (Michigan)
6. Bernabe Montanez (Puerto Rico)
7. Paul DeVorce (New York)
8. Mark Davis (California)
9. Rocky Garcia (California)
10. Richard Savala (Michigan)

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Mike Ayala (New York)
1. Jaime Garza (California)
2. Carmelo Negron (New York)
3. Alberto Mercado (Puerto Rico)
4. Oscar Muniz (California)
5. Jose Canizales (Texas)
6. Nicky Perez (Arizona)
7. Jose Parilla (Puerto Rico)
8. Jose Lopez (California)
9. Franco Torregoza (California)
10. Diego Rosario (New Jersey)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Johnny Carter (Pennsylvania)
1. Albert Davila (California)
2. Oscar Muniz (California)
3. Richard Sandoval (California)
4. Freddie Jackson (Texas)
5. Julian Solis (Puerto Rico)
6. Mario Chavez (California)
7. George Garcia (California)
8. Harold Petty (Texas)
9. Ricardo Varela (California)
10. Ruben Solario (Puerto Rico)

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Willie Jensen (Nevada)
1. Felix Castillo (Texas)
2. Alonso Gonzales (California)
3. Joey Olivo (California)
4. Orlando Maldonado (Puerto Rico)
5. Jerome Coffee (Tennessee)
6. Steve Whetstone (Florida)
7. Henry Brent (New York)
8. Julio Rodriquez (Hawaii)
9. Norberto Castellanos (Texas)
10. Ron Cisneros (Colorado)

The United States Ratings were compiled by the Editors of *Ring*, along with the tabulated ballots of the American panelists on *Ring*'s International Ratings Panel.

and battered Tony Curovic, 172, Cleveland, for a six-round unanimous decision.

Art Artwell, 205, Chester, PA, unanimously decisioned Larry Sims, 216½, Cleveland, four.

Referees—Zack Clayton & Frank Cappuccino.

Judges—Richard F. Murry & Wm. Kostrub.

Attendance—S.R.O., approximately 1500.

(07-14-82)

J. R. JOWETT

▲ ATLANTIC CITY—Sands Hotel Casino—Tony Nelson TKO'd Jerry Holly at 0:47 of the 11th round to win the new ESPN middleweight championship and then promptly turned around and told Top Rank exactly what they could do with their belt. It seems that Nelson and his manager, Chuck Runzo, didn't like the fine print in the contract that bound them to Top Rank for three years.

"We have no animosity against Top Rank," explained Runzo. "But our objection was the three years exclusively to Top Rank."

"What's the (title) belt?" asked Nelson. "I've got a belt in my pants already. The only other belt I'm concerned about is the belt that represents the middleweight championship of the world."

The fight itself was fairly evenly fought until Nelson, 160, Braddock, Pa., spilled Holly, 159, Orlando, with a right in the 10th. When a left hook hurt Holly again in the next round, referee Tony Perez called a halt. Many in attendance felt the move was a little premature and booed Perez and the announcement of the decision.

Nelson, a heavy hitter with either hand, upped his pro record to 12-0 with 11 kayoes, while Holly slipped to 15-8, 12 kayoes.

Talented heavy Tony Tucker displayed his power, knocking Richard Cade down four times enroute to a sixth round TKO. Cade, 243, Salina, Kansas, stayed on his stool at the end of the sixth. Tucker, 212, Detroit, saw his record grow to 16-0, with 15 early endings.

Al (Earthquake) Carter, 136, Alliance, Ohio, scored a TKO over Javier Fragoso, 136¾, Puerto Rico, at the end of the fourth. A right put Fragoso down in the fourth and opened a nasty cut over his left eye. It had been strictly one-way traffic from the opening bell.

Wilbert (Vampire) Johnson, 160, Indianapolis, survived a fifth round knockdown to score a sixth round TKO over Russell Kain, 158½, Staten Island. This was a good, hard-hitting contest that matched the speed and movement of Johnson against the power of Kain. The issue was still up for grabs when Kain was retired in his corner due to a badly cut left eye. A rematch would be pleasing. Johnson is now 19-1-1 (11 kayoes), while Kain dropped a bit to 8-3.

Jerry Franco, 126¼, Sioux City, Iowa, TKO'd fellow southpaw Billy Smith, 130½, Avilla, Ind., at 0:17 of the fifth.

Chris Mazzola, 142¾, won a split decision over Harold Brazier, 144½, Indianapolis, four.

The card was televised live over ESPN, with Randy Gordon and Sal Marchiano behind the mike.

Judges—Richard F. Murry and Lindsey Tucker.

Alternate Referee—Frank Cappuccino.

Promoter—Top Rank, Inc.

Attendance—800 (est.).

(07-08-82)

▲ ATLANTIC CITY—Bally's Park Place Hotel Casino—It was bombs away as Kevin Howard and Bobby Joe Young both scored impressive knockouts in separate 10-rounders. This pair are two of the brightest young welters in the nations, and they showed why tonight, blasting stand-up opposition in fine style.

Howard, 159½, (way over his normal fighting weight) was given a good workout by tricky vet Mao de la Rosa, 153¾, Dominican Republic, but came through with flying colors, scoring a TKO at the end of the sixth round.

In the first round, Mao bounced off the ropes into a blistering right uppercut that dropped him in his tracks. It was hard to believe that he got back up and continued to hang in there. He even managed to rock Kevin in the third, but was gradually worn down and was taking a pounding at the end.

Young, who lost to Howard in a real war earlier this year, devastated Pete Seward in just 2:06 of the opening round. Seward, 147, Columbus, had been on a good run of late, but never had a chance against Young. Bobby Joe dropped Pete with a savage right early in the round and then handed him a vicious beating until called off by referee Joe O'Neill. Young, Steubenville, Ohio, came in at a very light 143¾.

Vic Pappa, 141½, Ridley Township, Pa., looked sharp hammering vet Johnny Turner, 143¾, Brooklyn, for a TKO at the end of the fourth. Pappa stalked purposefully and rocked Turner several times with short rights. Turner also suffered a cut eye and decided to stay on his stool at the sound of the fifth round bell.

Stanley Ross, 183, Phila., TKO'd Jamie Olatunde, 193¾, Phila. (via Sierra Leone), at 1:19 of the third. This was a rugged inside battle with Ross having Olatunde out on his feet at the time of the stoppage.

Robert Hines, 145¼, Phila., TKO'd Sammy Rookard, 147, Spartanburg, S.C., at 3:00 of the first. Rookard was completely outclassed and getting punched all over the ring when referee Zack Clayton called Hines off.

Calvin Grove, 127, Pottstown, Pa., TKO'd Jose Abru, 127, Passaic, N.J., in three.

Tom McGuire, 188½, Phila., scored a majority decision over Vinnie Dell, 224½, Paterson, N.J., over four in the only bout of the night that went the distance.

Judges—John Stewart and Phil Newman.

Promoter—Peltz Boxing Promotions, Inc.

Attendance—500 (est.).

(07-19-82)

▲ ATLANTIC CITY—Tropicana Hotel Casino—Johnny (Bump City) Bumphus returned to the ring following an 18-week layoff to score an all-too-easy TKO over mismatched Eduardo Lugo at 2:55 of the fifth.

Bumphus, 138½, Clementon, N.J., had been shelved due to several torn ligaments in his left thumb, suffered when he kayoed Marvin Jenkins last March. Johnny was forced to undergo surgery to correct the problem and nobody expected him to tackle King Kong in his comeback. Lugo, however, proved to be little more than a game target. Bumphus had things all his own way and referee Arthur Mercante stopped the one-sided bout to spare everyone further punishment. Lugo, 142½, Miami, was never in the fight.

Bob Quarry (younger brother to Jerry and Mike) scored his second win as a pro with a first round TKO over someone calling himself Cliff Smith. It seems that Smith was pulled out of the audience to give Quarry a win and used the first name that came to mind. He was knocked cold by a big right in 2:16 of the opening session. Quarry came in at 209¾, while Smith (?) weighed 180. Pure garbage!

Mike Pucciarelli, 156, Pittsburg, scored a TKO over Jerry O'Hara, 152, Vineland, N.J., at 1:22 of the fourth.

Jimmy Smith, 183, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., TKO'd Eugene Primes, 180, Akron, Ohio, at 0:25 of the fourth when the loser sprang a leak over his right eye.

Joey Carbello, 132, New York, TKO'd Otto Palfy, 134, Akron, at 2:35 of the third.

Ferdo Shrelli, 148½, New York, was awarded a TKO at 2:43 of the first when opponent (we use the term loosely) Gilbert Belfor, 147, quit after getting hit in the eye.

Alternate Referee—Milo Savage.

Judges—Phil Newman and Tommy Kaczmarek.

Promoter—Elbaum-Menas Productions.

(07-22-82)

▲ ATLANTIC CITY—Sands Hotel Casino—Howard Davis kept busy with a pointless TKO over mismatched Anthony Collins at the end of the third round in a scheduled 10. Davis wants to stay busy while building towards another crack at the lightweight title, but fights (?) like this was gaining him little, or no, prestige. Collins, 133½, Miami Beach, looked scared to death and fought accordingly.

Davis, 133, showed absolutely no respect for his opponent, just walking in and banging away like a slugger. A right to the head floored Collins for an automatic eight-count in the second and, following a severe working over in the third, Anthony retired in his corner. Probably his best move of the evening.

In a much more competitive match, lefthander Robert Sawyer won the new ESPN welterweight title with a split 12-round decision over Jerry Cheatham.

Sawyer, 145¼, Washington, D.C., parlayed lateral movement and a stinging southpaw jab into victory in a well contested bout. Cheatham, 146½, Phoenix, Arizona, attacked the body whenever he managed to pin Sawyer on the ropes, in hopes of slowing Robert down. Sawyer did tire down the stretch, but always stayed one step ahead of the charging Cheatham to win by a narrow margin.

Referee Arthur Mercante and judge Frank Brunette went for Sawyer 7-5 and 8-3-1, respectively, while judge Ray Hoagland cast his vote for Cheatham, 6-4-2, The *Ring* had Sawyer in front by a slender 6-5-1 edge.

In another ESPN tournament bout, undefeated switch-hitter Tyrone (Butterfly) Crawley, 135½, Phila., scored a unanimous eight-round decision over veteran Ernie Bing, also 135½, Atlantic City. Crawley's hand and foot speed were too much for Bing to cope with, and, despite suffering a cut over his left eye in the fifth, Crawley won with room to spare by scores of 5-3, 5-2-1, and 4-3-1.

Crawley, who improved his record to 8-0 (just two kayoes), will now face Al (Earthquake) Carter in the 135-pound finals.

Greg Washington, 133¾, Elizabeth, N.J., scored a majority decision over Enrique Rosa, 134, Paterson, N.J., in a six-round war.

Amir General Ali, 169, Phila., scored a unanimous decision over Craig Walker, 168½, Newark, N.J., four.

Brown Sugar, 157¾, Newark, TKO'd Kimbrady Carriker, 158¾, Phila., at 2:30 of the second.

A scheduled four-rounder between Robert Houston, 120½, Newark, and Pedro Alindato, 117¾, Paterson, was ruled "no contest" when Alindato nailed Houston with a sucker punch after the bell ended the first round.

Alternate Referee—Rudy Battle.

Promoter—Top Rank, Inc.

Attendance—850

(07-22-82)

▲ ATLANTIC CITY—Tropicana Hotel Casino—There were no 10-rounders tonight, just a trio of equally-billed eights featuring young talent. It turned out to be one of the best cards seen at the Trop since they initiated their weekly boxing program. All six bouts on the bill were well-matched shootouts, resulting in an action-packed show.

Old pro Marvin Jenkins, 146, New York, gave unbeaten Tommy Ayers a rugged evening, but Ayers' youthful reflexes prevailed and Tommy won a unanimous decision after eight spirited rounds by scores of 5-2-1 and 5-3 twice.

Ayers, 145½, Cincinnati, put Jenkins down in both the first and second rounds with rights to the head. Just when it looked like it was going to be another easy win for Tommy (now 14-0, 12 kayoes), Marvin rallied through the middle rounds to make it interesting. Although Ayers outpunched his man overall, there were several anxious moments when Jenkins' hooks had the prospect looking to his corner for guidance.

Undefeated Charlie Singleton, 174, Phila., upped his record to 14-0, with 10 kayoes, stopping lefty Leo Rogers at 2:52 of the fourth round in a scheduled eight. Journeyman Rogers started out well with a hard-swinging attack, but soon ran out of gas and was dropped for the full count, more exhausted than unconscious.

Donny "The Master of Disaster" Long is rapidly becoming the fighter the fans love to hate at this venue. He is now undefeated in 11 pro starts (seven early endings), but the crowds jeer his cocky attitude and the funny noises he makes when punching. In fact, they were hissing and sheeshing along in unison as Donny labored to dispatch portly Frank Draper. A series of three knockdowns in the fifth finally terminated matters at 2:46 of the round. Long, 219, Columbus, Ohio, and Draper, 196½, Toledo, Ohio.

Californian Carl Jones impressed everybody with a sixth round TKO over previously unbeaten Vernon (Black Cobra) Reed in another sparkler. Jones, 156¼, Sacramento, displayed a pleasing boxer-puncher style, beating the muscular, shaven-skulled Reed to the punch all night long.

Reed, 163, Pittsburgh, pressed the fight all the way, but ran into a steady stream of stiff jab and sharp left hooks. The "Black Cobra" went all out for a knockout in the final round, only to run into a left hook that dropped him flat on his back. Vernan somehow beat the count, but was wisely ruled unfit to continue at 0:53 of the sixth.

Jones, now claiming a 7-1-1 record, would be a very welcome addition to the East Coast scene, should he decide to return.

In other bouts, southpaw Luis Gonzalez, 112, New York, won a unanimous four-round decision over scrappy Andy Bautista, 119, and Carl Jordan, 155, Pittsburgh, TKO'd Tony Demby, 152½, Atlantic City, at 0:43 of the opening round.

Ayers-Jenkins was voted "Fight of the Night," with both men sharing the $500 bonus.

Rudy Battle refereed Gonzalez-Bautista, Jones-Reed, and Singleton-Rogers. Paul Venti handled Jordan-Demby, Long-Draper, and Ayers-Jenkins.

Judges—Ray Hoagland and Frank Brunette.
Promoter—Elbaum-Menas Productions
Attendance—1,400 (SRO)
(08-10-82)

NIGEL COLLINS

NEW MEXICO

▲ **ALBUQUERQUE—Univ. of Mexico—**Tony Tubbs, 221, Cincinnati, outpointed Clarence Hill, 203, New Rochelle, New York, 10.

Mauricio Bravo, 149, New York, outpointed Chuck Peralta, 144, Phoenix, Arizona, 10.

Sugar Ray Seales, 159, Tacoma, TKO'd Art Lara, 156, San Antonio, in round three of their scheduled 10.

Chris Linson, 153, Santa Fe, TKO'd Felix Favella, 150, San Antonio, in the fourth round of their scheduled 10.

Eric Enslin, 176, Albuquerque, TKO'd Chuck Warfield, 179, Chicago in the first round of a scheduled eight.

Earl Grant, 158, Jeannette, Pa., knocked out Juan Rivas, 155, San Antonio, in the first round of a scheduled four.

Referees—Elias Quintana, Larry Chavez.
Judges—Hugh Bishop, Dave Baker, Charles Pino.
Timekeeper—George Drebing.
Ringside Physician—J.R. Shively.
Sporting Review Company/Butch Lewis Productions.
(08-07-82)

NEW YORK

▲ **NEW YORK CITY—Felt Forum—**Terry Silver, 136, Louisville, Kentucky, dropped Pete Padilla, 137, New York, with a right and stopped him at 0:33 of the ninth round in the final 10-round contest of the evening. Padilla was up at nine, but Silver hit him with a flurry and a right, and referee Paul Venti quickly intervened.

Silver is now 9-0-1 with five kayoes. Padilla is 15-4-1 with two knockouts.

The semi-final, also scheduled for 10, saw Jose (The Threat) Baret, 148, New York, add another victim to his kayo list by stopping Tom (Jingo) Moody, 144½, Canton, Ohio, at 1:15 of round three. Moody, who went into the bout with an injured (or broken) right mitt according to one report, gave Baret a fight of it until a right hand dropped him in the third. Another knockdown and a barrage in a corner led ref Harold Valan to call things off. Baret is now 13-0 with 12 knockouts. Moody is 8-3-3 with five kayoes.

Wilfredo Vasquez, 118, Puerto Rico, won a split decision over "Sunshine" Sonny Long, 119, Cincinnati, 10. Scoring: referee Bill Tate, 5-4-1, Long; judge Bernie Friedkin, 9-1, Vasquez; judge Coley Wallace, 7-2-1, Vasquez.

Hector Sanchez, 124, Puerto Rico, TKO'd Davey Vasquez, 121, Bronx, New York, at 1:37 of the first round in their scheduled 10. Referee Valan stopped the bout as Vasquez, who'd been knocked down, was on the bottom rope sopping up punishment. Sanchez is now 7-2 with five kayoes. Vasquez, who should hang 'em up for good, is 19-15 with six knockouts.

Abdul Hakim, 175, Freeport, New York, won a unanimous decision over Tany Paredes, 174, Santo Domingo, D.R., six. Scoring: referee Venti, 4-2; judge Friedkin, 4-2; judge Wallace, 4-1-1.

Doug Mallett, 161, Providence, won a majority duke over Robert (The Rock) Thomas, 153, Trenton, N.J., six. Scoring: referee Tate, 4-2; judge Friedkin, 3-3; judge Wallace, 5-1.

Gus Matsagos, 140½, Brooklyn, won a majority decision over James Williams, 135½, New York, in the opening four. Scoring: referee Venti, 2-2; judge Friedkin, 3-1; judge Wallace, 3-1.

Timekeeper—Fred Abbatiello.
(08-06-82)

▲ **NEW YORK CITY—Felt Forum—**Euclides Valdez, 173, Dominican Republic, won a unanimous decision over Willie (The Bull) Taylor, 175½, Brooklyn, 10. Scoring: referee Johnny Colan, 8-1-1; judge Carol Castellano, 6-3-1; judge Ray Kozak, 7-3. Valdez is now 11-0-1 with seven kayoes. Taylor is 11-12-4 with six knockouts. The two had boxed a 10-round draw here in a previous meeting.

Efrain Nieves, 124½, Santurce, Puerto Rico, won a split decision over Robert Mullins, 126, Spartanburg, South Carolina, 10. Scoring: referee Sid Rubenstein, 5-4-1 (6-4 in points), Mullins; judges Castellano and Kozak, 6-3-1 (7-4) and 6-4 (6-5), respectively, Nieves. Nieves is now 14-1 with 10 kayoes. Mullins is 30-7-3 with 23 knockouts.

Carl Williams, 216, Jamaica, New York, TKO'd Dave Starkey, 225, Dayton, Ohio, at 2:57 of round three in a scheduled eight-rounder. Sid Rubenstein, referee. Williams is now 6-0 with five knockouts. Starkey is 9-3 with six kayoes.

Eddie Gregg, 210, Kew Gardens, New York, TKO'd Steve Sanborn, 233, Wichita, Kansas, at 1:08 of the first round in their scheduled eight. Referee Colan stopped the bout after the second knockdown. Gregg moves to 11-0-1 with 11 kayoes. Sanborn falls to 7-5 with four knockouts.

Bryant (King) Ware, 138, Brooklyn, won a unanimous decision over Norberto Figueroa, 137, New York, eight. Scoring: referee Randy Neumann, 7-0-1; judge Castellano, 5-2-1; judge Kozak, 6-2.

Mike Martinez, 160½, New York, TKO'd Tony Watkins, 159, New York, at 2:22 of the first round in a scheduled four. Sid Rubenstein, referee.

Brian Davis, 148½, Brooklyn, won a majority decision over Manny Ortega, 146, New York, four. Scoring: referee Neumann, 1-1-2; judge Castellano, 4-0; judge Kozak, 2-1-1.

Angelo (Spider) Sanchez, 117, Brooklyn, TKO'd debuting Roberto Hernandez, 114, New York, at 1:31 of the second in the opening four. Referee Neumann stopped the contest after Hernandez had been floored.

Timekeeper—Fred Abbatiello.
(08-20-82)

HERBERT G. GOLDMAN

▲ **WHITE PLAINS—Westchester County Center—**In what was supposed to be a workout for his upcoming fight with Mark Holmes, Doug DeWitt, 163, had, instead, a walkover, stopping Mike Hyman 162½, at 1:58 of round six. DeWitt is now 15-1-2. Hyman, a southpaw from Florence, South Carolina, is a purported 14-5. The referee stopped what can best be described as artistic sparring when he'd seen enough to know that, even if DeWitt wasn't quite ready for Holmes, Hyman wasn't really ready for DeWitt.

Dennis Cruz, 130, known the length and breadth of the Bronx as "The Fighting Gymnast," ran his record to 11-0 (10 kayoes) by leveling Charles Sweetenburg, 131, Camden, S.C., with one devastating left in 2:03 of the first round.

Eddie Belfiori, 157, Bronx, and Jose Diaz, Bronx, drew, four.

Roberto Mejia, 138, stopped outclassed Jody Nabinger, also 138, at 1:14 of the fourth round.

Hometown hero Freddie Spry, 161, who set an indoor record by losing his mouthpiece four straight rounds, stopped Gilmore Coleman, 159, the Bronx, at 2:13 of round six.

Elvis Parks, 174, Chicago, ran his record to 11-4 by stopping Robert Taylor, 175, Brooklyn, in the second.

Milton (Mad Dog) Guest, 149, Yonkers, halted Roosevelt Moss, 149, Camden, S.C., at 1:06 of the second.
(08-04-82)

BERT RANDOLPH SUGAR

OKLAHOMA

▲ **TULSA—Bogies Club—**Cecil (Goodnight) Peddigrew, 169, Tulsa, outpointed Richard (Iceman) Silas, also 169, Cushing, Oklahoma, six. Peddigrew is now 9-0. Silas is 7-2.

Army Sgt. First Class Joey Miller scored his first professional win by outscoring Squirrel Barnes, four, light heavies. Miller is now 1-3. Barnes is 18-10-1.

Bruce (Batman) Johnson, 148, Oklahoma City, won a close decision over Bo Carter, also 148, Tulsa, four.

"Stinging" Sam Leonard, 154, outscored fellow Tulsan Rocky Pigeon, 170, in the four-round opener. Leonard is now 7-2. Pigeon is 6-2.

Referee—Brian Kelly Burden.
Judges—Jack Stanhope, Will Summers, Juanita Burden.
Timekeeper—Don Stanhope.
Ringside Promotions (Gary Sievers).
(06-06-82)

▲ **McALESTER—Little Dixie's Ballroom—**Dale (Apollo) Cook, 156, Tulsa, outscored Clyde Spencer, 137, McAlester, four.

Bruce Jackson, 153, Oklahoma City, outpointed Rocky Pidgeon, 163, Tulsa, four. Jackson is now 5-1. Pidgeon is 6-4.

Angel Gonzalez, 147, Pawnee, Ok., won a split decision over Bo Carter, also 147, Tulsa, four. Carter is now 3-4.

Kirk Stengel, 135, Tulsa, knocked out debuting Ben Rentie, also 135, Oklahoma City, in the third round of their scheduled four.

Referees—William Curtis, Fred Gonzalez.
Judges—Herb McIntosh, William Curtis, Fred Gonzalez.
Promoter—Herb (Heavy Duty) McIntosh.
Attendance—200.
(08-07-82)

▲ **TULSA—Duke's County—**Rafael Rojas, 128, Mexico City, won a split decision over smooth Al (Bubba) Thompson, 127, Tulsa, eight. Rojas is now 19-4. Thompson is 15-5.

Rashad (The Mirage) Aziz, 138, Tulsa, won a unanimous decision over Julio Martinez, 137, Laredo, Texas, six. Aziz is now 5-1. Martinez is 3-4.

Kirk Stengel, 122, Tulsa, knocked out Gaby Garcia, 121, Laredo, in the second round of a scheduled four.

Blazin' Bruce Jackson, 151, Oklahoma City, kayoed veteran Larry Mayes, 150, Miami, OK., with a perfect right hand midway in the third round of their scheduled six. Jackson is now 6-1. Mayes is 12-13.

Referees—Fred Gonzalez, Brian Kelly, Jim Vernon.
Judges—James Abbott, Jim Smith, Clint Vernon.
Timekeeper—Tommie Lou Vernon.
Oklahoma Professional Boxing Association.
(08-09-82)

JAMES HUTTON

OREGON

▲ **PORTLAND—Marriott Hotel—**Curtis (Razor) Ramsey, 154, retained his Northwest junior middleweight crown with a unanimous decision over Francisco Roche, 148, 12.

All three cards read 117-114. Ramsey is now 23-11-1. Roche is 7-3-1.

James (CQ) Williams, 175, TKO'd Curtis Azevedo, also 175, at 1:44 of the eighth round in a scheduled 10. Williams is now 20-11-1. Azevedo is 8-2.

Six-rounders: Lorenzo Garcia, 130, kayoed Rafael Garcia, 124½, in 1:12 of the first round. Guy Villegas, 135, stopped Francisco Velez, 130, at the end of round four. Jerry Lewis, 136, stopped Rene Garcia, 140, at 1:35 of the sixth and final session. Andy Brown, 180½, TKO'd debuting John Mackenzie, 174½, at 1:31 of the first.

Referees—Jim Cassidy, Bill Thornberg.
Judges—Ben Laford, George Robinson, Paul Weitzel.
Promoter—Dolores McNally.
Attendance—1,290. Gross—$11,900.
(07-29-82)

KATHERINE DUNN

PENNSYLVANIA

▲ **PHILADELPHIA—Golden Eagle Caterers—**Popular southpaw Ricky Whitt, 149, Phila., scored another easy win at this venue, stopping Billy White, 147½, Clark, N.J., at 2:50 of the first round in a scheduled eight. Whitt bloodied White's nose and knocked him down with a straight left. Referee Frank Cappucinno stopped the mismatch without even bothering to count. About the only note of interest was the strange looking trunks White wore. They had a pocket in the back.

Walter Sloan, 156, Bristol, Pa., TKO'd Kelvin Allen, 158, Phila., at 1:48 of the second. It was the pro debut for both.

Sugar Falu, 167½, Newark, N.J., TKO'd Larry Winslow, 160, Clark, N.J., at 1:29 of the second.

Francis Childs, 121, Pottstown, Pa., scored a unanimous six-round decision over Herman Ingram, 121, Newark, by scores of 29-25, 29-27, and 29-27.

Freddie Reyes, 141, Phila., scored a TKO over Henry Wright, 140½, Springfield, N.J., at 0:59 of the second.

Alternate Referee—Ozzie Saddler.
Judges—Paul Harris and Eddie Woods.
Matchmaker—Billy DeMarco
Promoter—Joe Verne
Attendance—1,075
(07-22-82)

TEXAS

▲ **HOUSTON—Arena Theatre—**James Pipps, 122, Vidor, TKO'd Martin Hernandez, also 122, San Antonio, at 0:10 of round four after dominating from the outset. Pipps was paid a reported $4,000 for this brief skirmish.

Sammie Fuentez, 122, Houston, won a majority decision over Carlos Flores, 123, San Antonio, eight.

Joe Humphrey, 168, San Antonio, won a unanimous decision over old-timer Robert Powell, 163, Houston, six.

Jerry Stoner, 143, Houston, halted long time loser Roberto (Baby) Perez, 141, San Antonio, at 1:28 of the third round. Stoner is now 2-0. Perez is 11-25-1.

Farrain Comeaux, 132, Nederland, kayoed David Roggenkamp, 128¼, Beaumont, in 2:04 of round one.

Referees—Mark Tessman, Barry Yeats.
Judges—Dave McCullough, Bob McMillan.
Timekeeper—Tommie Ferris.
Knockdown Timer—Jack Joerns.
Promoter—Broadway Rico.
Matchmakers—Kenny Weldon, Reuben (Blackie) Ramon.
Attendance—354.
(06-29-82)

▲ **BEAUMONT—Civic Center—**James (Bubba) Busceme retained his Texas State lightweight title with a TKO over game but outclassed Tony Sanchez, Houston, at 1:10 of the fifth round. Two knockdowns in that session led to referee Mark Tessman's intervention.

Richard Abila, Midland, won a unanimous decision over Gilbert Villacana, Houston, eight rounds, bantams. Abila is still undefeated.

Conrad Maes, 137, Albuquerque, knocked out Demrick Espree, also 137, Houston, in 0:43 of round four.

Jim Stewart, Dallas, halted Frankie (Piledriver) Evans, Port Arthur, at 1:55 of round three, light heavies.

David Bates, 158, Midland, won a unanimous decision over Eddie Mitchell, 155½, Port Arthur, six.

Officials—Mark Tessman, Manny Hernandez, Mark McCartney.

Timekeeper—Fred McWilliams.
Knockdown Timer—Frank Martinez.
Promoter—Lester Bedford.
Matchmaker—Wayne Harrison.
Attendance—2,200 (est.).
(07-09-82)

▲ **FORT WORTH—Billy Bob's—**Gordon Racette, 214, Canada, kayoed veteran loser Ernie (Big E) Smith, 226, Fort Worth, in 3:09 of the third session.

Nick Wells, 214, the pride of the Fort Worth Fire Dept., halted LeRoy Grayer, 249, Lake Charles, at 1:53 of the first round.

Jerry (Butch) Smith, 134, Shreveport, halted Hector Sifuentes, 138, Chihuahua, Mexico, at 0:10 of the fourth. Smith will now tackle comebacking Termite Watkins.

Rob Trevino, 131½, Fort Worth, won a unanimous decision over Rogelio Lopez, 132, San Antonio, four.

Dave Kuykendall, 148½, Fort Worth, kayoed Pablo Valdez, 143, San Antonio, in 2:11 of round three.

Rick Buque, 151, Fort Worth, won a majority decision over Ward Jones, 148, Fort Worth, four.

Promoter—Frank Bogart.

Matchmaker—Wendall (Winkie) Groom.

(07-12-82)

▲ **FORT WORTH—Will Rogers Coliseum—**Gene Hatcher, 139, stopped sub Jerome Artis, 138, Philadelphia, who was unable to come out for round seven due to a severely swollen and painful left eye.

Steve Cruz, 126, Fort Worth, halted Eddie Richardson, also 126, New Orleans, at 2:33 of the first session.

Jay Strickland, 175, Fort Worth, won a unanimous decision over stubby Charlie Smith, 174½, Shreveport, eight.

Bobby McCorvey, 155, Fort Worth, stopped Clarence McFarland, 154, Houston, at 2:20 of round two. Both were making their pro debuts.

Ford Jennings, 143, Fort Worth, took a tight six-round decision over Angel Gonzalez, 145, Tulsa.

Promoter—Lester Bedford.

Matchmaker—Wayne Harrison.

This show was televised over the ESPN cable network, with Sal Marchiano and Al Bernstein at the mike.

(07-14-82)

▲ **HOUSTON—Astro Arena—**The ages old pairing of a local youngster on the rise and a shop-worn journeyman brought in from out of town to test him was the feature bout in the latest series of fights staged in this facility adjacent to the Astrodome. Houston welterweight Ed Green took the first role, and veteran Andy Price of Los Angeles the latter. After 10 hard fought rounds, Green emerged with a clear cut unanimous decision, with his greater hand speed earning him the victory.

Former USBA light heavyweight champion Murray Sutherland, 164, Bay City, Michigan, TKO'd iron-jawed Ramon (Raton) Montez, 161, Rio Bravo, Mexico. Montez was ruled unable to continue due to a severe gash above his right eye.

Roosevelt Rico, 131, Houston, stopped Alfredo Reyes, 134½, Reynosa, at 2:03 of round four.

Donald Lee, 164, Houston and Milwaukee, halted Karl Vinson, 159, Detroit, at 2:58 of round four. Lee is now 10-0.

Rick Henderson, 135¼, Bastrop, Louisiana, won a loudly booed majority decision over Reginal Dixon, 137, Port Arthur, six.

Oracio Ramos, 114½, Houston, won a unanimous decision over skinny Genaro Coronado, 111, Rio Bravo, six.

Rich Ishmael, 126½, Houston, halted "Wonderful" Willie Boyd, 124, Edna, at 2:22 of round one. Ishmael, a tremendous prospect, is now 2-0.

Referees—Chris Jordan, Barry Yeats.

Judges—Roy Auld, William Yeager.

Timekeeper—Tom Ferris.

Knockdown Timer—Jack Joerns.

Promoter—Robert Turner, Astrodome Enterprises.

Attendance—475 (est.). Gross—$9,000 (est.).

(07-24-82)

▲ **SAN ANTONIO—**Tony Ayala, Jr., 155¼, San Antonio, TKO'd Robbie Epps, 157¾, Clovis, New Mexico, at 1:32 of the first round in a scheduled 10-round nationally televised bout.

Gaby Canizales, 118½, Laredo, won a unanimous decision over Jose Torres, 114½, Tucson, Arizona, 10.

Sammy Ayala, 135½, San Antonio, TKO'd Johnny Contreras, also 135½, at 1:06 of round seven in their scheduled 10.

James Pipps, 121, Vidor, TKO'd Angel Lira, 122½, Texas, at 1:10 of the eighth round in their scheduled 10.

Steve Cruz, 126, Texas, won a unanimous decision over Javier Barrajas, 123¼, Arizona, eight.

Arturo Olivarez, 119½, Texas, knocked out Ruben Santos, 118¼, Mexico, in 1:51 of the first round in a scheduled six.

Aaron Lopez, 123, Texas, kayoed Adolfo Marquez, 124, Texas, in 1:46 of the first round in their scheduled six.

Officials—Cole, Ovalle, Scaramozi, Zuniga.

Timekeepers—Gavin, Como.

Physicians—James Marr, Richard Evans.

Inspectors—B. Cortina, R.W. Simpson.

Promoter—L. Bedford.

(08-01-82)

▲ **HOUSTON—**Wilford Scypion, 163½, Houston, TKO'd Jose Mireles, 163, Mexico, at 2:01 of the second in the scheduled 10-round main event.

Rafael Rojas, 129, Mexico, won a unanimous decision over Albert Favella, 127, Texas, six.

Jerry Stoner, 148, Texas, won a unanimous verdict over Danny Favella, 150¾, Texas, six.

Farrain Comeaux, 130¼, Texas, won a majority duke over Gilbert Favella, 132½, Texas,four.

Officials—Tessman, Martin, McMillan, Yeager.

Timekeepers—Ferris, Joerns.

Physician—Dr. Shapiro.

Inspectors—D. Britton, B. Cortina.

Broadway Promotions.

(08-06-82)

▲ **LUBBOCK—**Alejos Rodriguez, 154, Texas, kayoed Cheto Ramos, 154½, Texas, in 2:50 of the third round in a scheduled 10.

Robin Blake, 134, Texas, knocked out Victor Gordilla, also 134, Texas, in 2:23 of the third round in their scheduled 10.

Kenneth Releford, 148, Texas, knocked out Lee Mascarenas, 143½, New Mexico, in 1:14 of the first round in a scheduled six.

Four-rounders: Eddie Richardson, 216½, Texas, TKO'd Zack Ferguson, 215, at 1:54 of the second. Jose Amalla, 125½, Texas, won a unanimous decision over Johnny Otero, 126¾, New Mexico. Phil Sawyer, 154½, Texas, TKO'd Louis Garcia, 155, at 1:56 of the first. David Kuykendall, 146, Texas, won a majority decision over Flavio Taboada, 145, Texas.

Officials—A.D. Bynum, Cole, Brown, Hinojosa, Rosendo.

Timekeepers—B. Townley, H. Holland.

Physician—Dr. Santos.

Inspectors—Blackburn, Dean, Workman, Simpson.

Promoter—Bob Sawyer.

(08-06-82)

C.A. JACKSON

CANADA

ONTARIO

▲ **SCARBOROUGH—Arena—**Donnie Poole, 146½, Toronto, TKO'd Cecil King, 149, Toronto, at 1:56 of the eighth round in the scheduled 10-round main event. Fern Chretien, referee.

John DeGazio, 149, Welland, halted William Hodge, 147½, Ohio, in the fourth round of a scheduled eight. Hodge, who was down in the first and second sessions, was a late sub.

Donald Hirtle, 177½, Toronto, won a unanimous decision over Wes Rowe, 182½, Brantford, six.

Sugar Marsh, 145, Toronto, won a split decision over Dave Martin, 145½, London, six.

Bobby Green, 153½, Dunnville, outscored Bobby Buscombe, 152¼, Brantford, four.

Reggie Reece, 124, Toronto, and Nedrick Simmons, 122½, Toronto, drew, four.

Dave O'Callaghan, 142½, Toronto, TKO'd Mike Rocupero, 141, Toronto, at 1:02 of the first round in their scheduled four. Rocupero was making his pro debut.

Referees—Fern Chretien, Lionel Sullivan.

Judges—C. Williams, Ed. Gaudet, D. Mann.

Timekeepers—A. Paris, B. Cormier.

Ringside Physician—Dr. B. Stewart.

Announcer—Homer Stevens.

(07-27-82)

FRANK ALLNUTT

MEXICO

BAJA CALIFORNIA

▲ **MEXICALI—**Javier (Change) Marquez kayoed Francisco (Trompo) Marquez, 125, in our. Kearns Ibarra, 142, TKO'd Martin Quiroz, 143, in the 10th and final session. Daniel Montejano, 124, stopped Refugio Samudio, also 124, in two. Jose Manuel Diaz, 119, outscored ugo Perez, 118, eight. Carlos Hernandez, 117, TKO'd Pablo Ancarillas, also 117, in one. Daniel Vastian, 115, kayoed Ricardo Flores, 114, in two.

(01-01-82)

▲ **MEXICALI—**Leonardo (Pechuga) Valdez, 112, TKO'd Diego Avila, 111, in nine. Daniel Montejano, 122, stopped Hector (Young Casanova) Medina, 121, in three.

(01-31-82)

▲ **TIJUANA—**Felipe Vaca, 148, kayoed Celso Oivas, 147, in six.

(02-08-82)

∈ **MEXICALI—**Gilberto Roman, 116, TKO'd Gilberto Villacana, also 116, in seven. Mario Chavez, 119, and Calvin Sheppard, 120, U.S.A., drew 10. Carlos (Pollo) Gonzalez, 125, TKO'd Alfredo Aldama, also 125, in three.

(02-19-82)

▲ **TIJUANA—**Julio (Cesar) Chavez, 134, outpointed Benjamin Abarca, 135, 10. Jose Luis Castillo, 136, outscored Ernesto Garfias, 135, 10.

(04-26-82)

▲ **TIJUANA—**Humberto (Betillo) Gutierrez, 147, retained his Mexican welter title by outscoring Felipe Vaca, also 147, 12. Jose Luis Castillo, 135, TKO'd Abdul Bey, 134, U.S.A., in eight.

(05)17)82)

▲ **TIJUANA—**Julio Cesar Chavez, 125, stopped Gustavo Salgoado, 126, in two. Rafael Chavez, 128, iced Kearns Ibarra, 130, in the first.

(07-19-82)

▲ **MEXICALI—**Javier Marquez, 114, oitscored Ray (Pelon) Rodriguez, 115, 10. Felipe Urquiza, 135, halted Daniel Montejano, 133, in four. Oscar Chsiterna, 124, stopped Jose Diaz, also 124, in seven. Carlos Hernandez, 118, kayoed Ramon Velasquez, 119, in two. Pedro Gomez, 141, knocked out Juan Manuel Rivera, 140, in the second.

(05-30-82)

▲ **TIJUANA—**Julio Cesar Chavez, 125, stopped Gustavo Salgado, 126, in two. Rafael Chavez, 128, iced Kearns Ibarra, 130, in the first.

(07-19-82)

CHIAPAS

▲ **TAPACHULA—**Javier Gonzalez, 124, kayoed Enrique Paz, 125, in three.

(01-08-82)

▲ **TAPACHULA—**Miguel (Morris) Landin, 142, demolished Freddie Ramirez, 141, in the first round. Orlando Kuri, 135, kayoed Zurdo Perez, 134, in two.

(02-05-82)

▲ **TAPACHILA—**Martin Batista, 135, TKO'd Aquilino Mercado, 136, in five. Fernando Barrera, 118, outpointed Betillo Ochoa, 117, 10.

(02-12-82)

▲ **TAPACHULA—**Francisco Santillan, 126, knocked out Arturo Bautista, 127, in five. Rene Morgan, 116, TKO'd Luis Carrasco, 117, in seven.

(02-26-82)

▲ **TAPACHULA—**Miguel (Morris) Landin, 140, flattened Amado (Costeno) Mendoza, 139, in rounf four.

(03-04-82)

▲ **TAPACHULA—**Erasmo Arreola, 112, and Elid (Jimmy) Fernandez, also 112, drew, 10. Antonio Gallegos, 117, outscored Raton Perez, 116, 10. Martin Bautista, 119, TKO'd Ismael Gomez, 118, in five.

(03-14-82)

▲ **TAPACHULA—**Freddie Ramirez, 135, TKO'd Miguel (Pedra) Zuniga, 137, in five. Candelario de la Cruz, 117, TKO'd Pablo Ramos, 116, in two.

(03-19-82)

▲ **TAPACHULA—**Dionisio Luna, .111, outscored Jose (Mono) Sosa, also 111, 10. Orlando Guerra, 124, TKO'd German Vasquez, 125, in two.

(03-26-82)

▲ **TAPACHULA—**Mario Olmedo, 148, TKO'd Fernando Gonzalez, 146, in three. Julio Toral, 156, TKO'd Freddie Ramirez, 155, in the 10th and final session. Rafael Juarez, 148, outpointed Enrique Lopez, 149, eight.

(05-01-82)

▲ **TAPACHULA—**Elid (Jimmy) Fernandez, 120, won by a disqualification over Erasmo Arreola, also 120, in four. Guillermo (Lobo) Morales, 125, outscored Gustavo Salgado, also 125, 10. Raton Perez, 117, kayoed Martin Gallegos, 118, in three. Manuel de Jesus, 108, TKO'd Misael Bermudez, 109, in seven. Abraham Barrientos, 124, outpointed Ereli Valencia, 125, 10.

(05-01-82)

▲ **TAPACHULA—**Elid (Jimmy) Fernandez, 120, won by a disqualification over Erasmo Arreola, also 120, in four. Guillermo (Lobo) Morales, 125, outscored Gustavo Salgado, also 125, 10. Raton Perez, 117, kayoed Martin Gallegos, 118, in three. Manuel de Jesus, 108, TKO'd Misael Bermudez, 109, in seven. Abraham Barrientos, 124, outpointed Ereli Valencia, 125, 10.

(05-30-82)

CHIHUAHUA

▲ **CIUDAD JUAREZ—**Jose Angel Cazares, 120, kayoed Hector (Gallinita) Salcedo, 119, in three. Ray Azteca Morales, 147, won the Chihuahua State welter title by knocking out Pancho Lopez, 146, in the first.

(05-28-82)

COAHUILA

▲ **TORREON—**Raul Valdez, 116, outpointed Alfredo (Cachorro) Hernandez, 115, 10. Vicente Saldivar Mijares, 136, kayoed Agustin (Canguro) Estrada, 135, in seven. Toshiaki Suzuki, 205, Japan, won by a disqualification over Memo Soto, 201, in three. Romeo Sandoval, 135, outpointed Memo Miranda, 134, 10.

(01-01-82)

▲ **NUEVA ROSITA—**Juan Elizondo, 146, kayoed Jesse Lara, 147, U.S.A., in round three.

(02-12-82)

▲ **TORREON—**Ruben Castillo, 125, U.S.A., and Austreberto (Beto) Perez, 124, drew, 10. Elfego Lopez, 111, and Joel (Pulga) Torres, also 111, tech draw, seven. Jesus Lopez, 119, chilled Jesus Barrientos, also 119, in two.

(02-19-82)

▲ **TORREON—**Andres (Pantera) Ramirez, 160, kayoed Ricky Davis, 159, Panama, in two. Manuel (Gallito) Juarez, 125, knocked out Rito Garcia, 125, in eight. Mariano Medina, 124, flattened Everardo Monjes, also 124, in three.

(03-26-82)

▲ **PIEDRAS NEGRAS—**Juan (Monito) Diaz, 112, stopped John Cajina, also 112, Nicaragua, in three. Roberto (Lobita) Ramirez, 112, TKO'd Alberto (Bobby) Ruiz, 113, in seven.

(04-30-82)

▲ **TORREON—**Vicente Saldivar Mijares, 135, TKO'd Johnny Morgan, also 135, in eight. Jose Angel Jimenez, 123, kayoed Carlos Juarez, also 123, in five. Enrique Ursua, 116, stopped Lobito Vasquez, also 116, in two. Alfredo Hernandez, 115, TKO'd Joel Vasquez, 116, in two. Memo Miranda, 114, and Berna Garcia, 113, drew, 10.

(06-04-82)

ESTADO DE MEXICO

▲ **ATLACOMULCO—**Andres Lovera, 134, halted Francisco Garcia, 135, in seven. Gonzalo Lovera, 124, stopped Jacinto Gutierrez, 125, in two.

(03-19-82)

FEDERAL DISTRICT

▲ **MEXICO CITY—**Juan Garcia, 135, TKO'd Javier (Memin) Barcenas, also 135, in the 10th and last round. Raul (Satanas) Guerreo, 136, TKO'd Feliciano Soto, 135, in two. Jorge Mercado, 127, TKO'd Ubaldo Ramirez, 126, in five. Camilo Ortiz, 11.1, TKO'd Martin Perez, also 111, in four. Alfredo de la Torre, 112, TKO'd Jose (Bombero) Robles, 111, in one.

(01-02-82)

▲ **MEXICO CITY—**Miguel Angel Alvarez, 125, TKO'd Elpido Infante, 126, in three. Austreberto (Beto) Perez, 119, TKO'd Salvador Estrada, 118, in six. Neftali Ramirez, 111, TKO'd Jesus Rodriguez, 112, in four. Jesus Hernandez, 143, TKO'd Mario Olmeda, 146, in eight. Pedro Montero, 124, TKO'd Agustin Resendiz, 125, in one.

(01-09-82)

▲ **MEXICO CITY—**Aaron Garcia, 108, halted Venancio Rosas, 109, in three. Saul Linares, 123, kayoed Primitivo Espinosa, 122, in one. Gilberto Roman, 115, TKO'd Juan

Zarate, 116, in three. Alfredo de la Torre, 111, TKO'd Oscar Moreno, 112, in four. Gerardo Gonzalez, 107, outscored Jose Mora, 108, four.
(01-16-82)

▲ **MEXICO CITY**—Gerardo Pena, 125, TKO'd Pablo Marquez, 126, in five. Salvador Sanchez *(not the world featherweight champion)*, 124, TKO'd Mario Pichardo, 125, in five. Victor Martinez, 124, TKO'd Pedro Montero, also 124, in five. Norberto Bueno, 135, TKO'd Gabriel Perez, 136, in three.
(01-20-82)

▲ **MEXICO CITY**—German Torres, 109, outpointed Joey Olivo, 108, U.S.A., 10. Moises Mendez, 147, TKO'd Pedro Blanco, 145, in two. Damian Hernandez, 119, stopped Juventino Guevara, 117, in five. Jacinto Gonzalez, 119, TKO'd Chucho Arroyo, also 119, in three.
(01-23-82)

▲ **MEXICO CITY**—Raul (Santanas) Guerrero, 136, TKO'd Angel Mata, 135, in four. Daniel Cuamani, 108, and Enedino Tolentino, also 108, drew, 10. Jose Luis Avila, 117, TKO'd Angel Vasquez, also 117, in six. Guillermo Perez, 125, TKO'd Francisco Bracamonte, 126, in two. Andres Jimenez, 107, TKO'd Arturo Mendoza, also 107, in three.
(01-27-82)

▲ **MEXICO CITY**—Reyes Gonzalez, 130, kayoed Cenobio Nicolas, 131, in five. Mario (Chapo) Nava, 115, outpointed Heriberto Saavedra, 114, 10. Victor Montero, 117, TKO'd Lupe Merlos, 118, in seven. Hugo Rodriguez, 111, TKO'd Francisco Rosas, also 111, in one. Ruben Lira, 135, TKO'd Jose Posadas, also 135, on one.
(01-30-82)

▲ **MEXICO CITY**—Rene Arredondo, 135, TKO'd Sergio Cabrera, also 135, in three. Pedro (Venadito) Flores, 111, TKO'd Salvador Nava, also 111, in seven. Hector Cid, 125, TKO'd Benjamin Moreno, 126, in one. Armando Cordoba, 118, TKO'd Luis Estrella, 117, in four. Basilio Maya, 107, TKO'd Enrique Trujillo, 109, in two.
(02-03-82)

▲ **MEXICO CITY**—Fernando (Toro) Montes, 220, TKO'd Abraham (Yaqui Meneses, 198, in seven to retain his Mexican heavyweight title. Felipe (Tigre) Fernandez, 117, kayoed Salvador Estrada, 118, in seven. Roberto Arredondo, 126, knocked out Ramon Nunez, 125, in six. Jesus Tejeda, 110, halted Antonio Lopez, 112, in the first round. Jose Penda, 111, TKO'd Alfredo de la Torre, 112, in four.
(02-06-82)

▲ **MEXICO CITY**—Eleoncio Mercedes, 113, Dominican Republic, TKO'd Tony Escobar, 111, in 10. Juan de la Cruz, 120, TKO'd Fernando (Soldadito) Teran, 119, in one. Agustin Ahuatl, 117, TKO'd Juan Valencia, also 117, in seven. Leopoldo Portillo, 135, outscored Jose Luis Reyes, 134, six. Oscar Burgos, 111, iced Benjamin Diaz, 112, in one.
(02-13-82)

▲ **MEXICO CITY**—Luis Gonzalez, 120, TKO'd Raul (Chamaco) Lopez, 121, in nine. Raul Dominguez, 109, outpointed Enedino Tolentino, 108, 10. Jesus Tejeda, 111, outscored Pablo Flores, also 111, 10. Victor Martinez, 125, outscored Hector Cortes, also 125, six. Armando Cordoba, 118, kayoed Julio Gomez, 119, in two.
(02-17-82)

▲ **MEXICO CITY**—Roberto (Lobita) Ramirez, 111, and Candido Tellez, also 111, tech draw, eight. Santos Rodriguez, 125, TKO'd Memo Oliva, 126, in three. Ramon Jimenez, 124, TKO'd Modesto (Cobra) Gonzalez, also 124, in five. Hector Iniesta, 117, outscored Ferardo Gonzalez, 116, six. Emilio Garcia, 124, won by a disqualification over Alejandro Escalona, 125, in two.
(02-20-82)

▲ **MEXICO CITY**—Jose Luis Tapia, 136, TKO'd Memo Miranda, 135, in six. Gabino Rizo, 145, TKO'd Jose Canchola, 146, in 10. Hector Cid, 126, kayoed Ramon Gonzalez, 125, in one. Rodolfo (Gato) Eslava, 134, knocked out Hilario (Buitre) Escalante, 136, in one. Hilario Garcia, 111, TKO'd Mario Romero, also 111, in two.
(02-25-82)

▲ **MEXICO CITY**—Leonardo (Chino) Benitez, 147, outpointed Agustin Coral, also 147, 10. Rodolfo Ortega, 115, TKO'd Rafael (Raton) Alonso, 113, in one. Herminio Delgado, 135, TKO'd Francisco Tapia, also 135, in two. Gerardo Sanchez, 140, outscored Arribal Arellanes, 147, dic. Pablo Gomez, 111, TKO'd Marcelino Rodriguez, 113, in the first.
(02-27-82)

▲ **MEXICO CITY**—Cayetano Correa, 134, TKO'd Raul (Satanas) Guerreo, 135, in seven. Rene Arredondo, 136, TKO'd Luis (Puma) Rivera, 134, in one. Javier Herrera, 116, halted Salatiel Solano, 117, in two. Enrique Urzua, 111, kayoed Leonardo Diaz, 113, in two. Efrain Pintor, 111, Stopped Efrain Guzman, 112, in the first round.
(03-13-82)

▲ **MEXICO CITY**—Miguel Angel Alvarez, 125, won by a disqualification over Austreberto (Beto) Perez, 123, in nine. Felipe (Tigre) Fernandez, 120, TKO'd Juan de la Cruz, also 120, in four. Gerardo Carreno TKO'd Pablo Gomez, 113, in one. Lupe Hernandez, 131, outscored Jaime Lara, 135, four. Pedro Flores, 110, kayoed Hugo Rodriguez, 111, in the second.
(03-06-82)

▲ **MEXICO CITY**—Rene Arredondo, 136, outscored Mauricio Aceves, 10. Victor Ramirez, 128, TKO'd Abel Pacheco, 130, in seven. Armando Cordoba, 117, outpointed Francisco Ortiz, 116, six. Juan Arellano, 145, outscored Miguel Huerta, 146, six. Pedro Montero, 118, TKO'd Donaciano Estrella, 119, in three.
(03-10-82)

▲ **MEXICO CITY**—Aaron Garcia, 111, halted Jorge Manuel Vera, 113, in six. Carlos de la Paz, 112, TKO'd Rafael Morales, 113, in two. Eduardo (Lalo) Acosta, 109, TKO'd Daniel Cuamani, 112, in two. Damian Hernandez, 124, knocked out Gonzalo Toledo, also 124, in two. German Aguilar, 127, kayoed Memo Perez, 126, in three.
(03-13-82)

▲ **MEXICO CITY**—Bonifacio Flores, 128, TKO'd Santos Rodriguez, 129, in four. Roman Nunez, 124, outscored Ubaldo Ramirez, 125, 10. Jose Escamilla, 117, TKO'd Lupe Merlos, also 117, in three. Marco Campos, 137, TKO'd Martin Garivo, 135, in one. Jose Felix, 120, and Noel Gonzalez, also 120, drew, four.
(03-17-82)

▲ **MEXICO CITY**—Gabriel Bernal, 111, TKO'd Arturo Tebaqui, 112, in three. Enedino Tolentino, 108, outpointed Ramon (Toluco) Lopez, 109, 10. Ramon Jimenez, 123, TKO'd Hector Cid, also 123, in two. Jose Luis Avila, 119, outscored Modesto Gonzalez, 118, six. Armando Marin, 122, TKO'd Alejandro Alonso, 125, in one.
(03-20-82)

▲ **MEXICO CITY**—German Torres, 107, TKO'd Francisco (Cochulito) Montiel, 106, in six to regain the Mexican junior flyweight title. Fidel Martinez, 116, TKO'd Manuel Lara, 118, in seven. Ricardo Sosa, 107, TKO'd Hector Iniesta, 108, in seven. Manuel Pichardo, 125, outscored Jorge Medina, 124, six. Basilio Maya, 107, won by a disqualification over Andres Jimenez, 108, in one.
(03-27-82)

▲ **MEXICO CITY**—Luis Fernando (Pringa) Hernandez, 108, TKO'd Filiberto (Macanas) Gonzalez, 105. Alberto Figueroa, 147, outscored Gabino Rizo, 146, 10. Lupe Hernandez, 135, outpointed Bart Valdez, also 135, six. Javier Herrera, 117, TKO'd Armando Cordoba, 118, in five. Nabor Flores, 118, outpointed Jose Cordoba, 117, four.
(03-31-82)

▲ **MEXICO CITY**—Jorge Ramirez, 116, outpointed Rigoberto (Gigio) Estrada, 114, 12, to retain his Mexican bantamweight title. Victor Salcedo, 115, iced Daniel Palacios, 114, in one. Rodolfo Flores, 112, outscored Chucho Rodriguez, 111, eight. Alejandro Escalona, 125, and Pedro Montero, also 125, drew, four.
(04-03-82)

▲ **MEXICO CITY**—Antonio de la Paz, 118, TKO'd Guillermo Vallejo, also 118, in three. Gonzalo (Raton) Montes, 155, TKO'd Othon Guzman, 158, in three. Leopoldo Portillo, 133, halted Marco Campos, 136, in three. Aristeo Lopez, 146, knocked out Gerardo Sanchez, also 146, in two. Rodolfo Eslava, 134, kayoed Leonardo Gonzalez, 136, in two.
(04-10-82)

▲ **MEXICO CITY**—Antonio de la Paz, 118, TKO'd Guillermo Vallejo, also 118, in three. Gonzalo (Raton) Montes, 155, TKO'd Othon Guzman, 158, in three. Leopoldo Portillo, 133, halted Marco Campos, 136, in three. Aristeo Lopez, 146, knocked out Gerardo Sanchez, also 146, in two. Rodolfo Eslava, 134, kayoed Leonardo Gonzaez, 136, in two.
(04-10-82)

▲ **MEXICO CITY**—Bash Ali, 186, Nigeria, kayoed Fernando (Toro) Montes, 213, in nine. Rene Arredondo, 135, TKO'd Herminio Delgado, 134, in three. Pablo Flores, 111, outpointed Neftali Ramirez, also 111, 10. Juan Cabrera, 110, TKO'd Alfredo de la Torre, 111, in one. Francisco Bracamontes, 134, stopped Gabriel Perez, 135, in two.
(04-27-83)

▲ **MEXICO CITY**—Rafael Martinez, 134, outpointed Raul (Satanas) Guerrero, 135, 10. Pedro Moreno, 108, outscored Raul Dominguez, 107, 10. Jorge Mercado, 124, TKO'd Ismael Rojas, 125, in four. Hilario Duran, 107, TKO'd Basilio Camargo, also 107, in two. Cheto Hernandez, 108, TKO'd Mario Romero, also 108, in three.
(04-21-82)

▲ **MEXICO CITY**—Moises Mendez, 145, outscored Leonardo (Chino) Bermudez, 148, 10. Heriberto Saavedra, 117, outpointed Felipe (Tigre) Fernandez, 118, 10. Ray de la Cruz, 118, TKO'd Salatiel Solano, 119, in seven. Damian Hernandez, 117, chilled Juan Manuel Vera, also 117, in five. Jacinto Gonzalez, 117, TKO'd Jesus Arroyo, 111, in four.
(04-24-82)

▲ **MEXICO CITY**—Gerardo Pena, 125, won by a disqualification over Jaime (Conejo) Casas, 125, in eight. Roman Nunez, 135, TKO'd Jose Mendez, also 135, in two. Jose Luis Garrido, 125, outpointed Victor Martinez, also 125, eight. Salvador Zamora, 117, iced Julio Gomez, 116, in one. Angel Vasquez, 111, outscored Jorge Vicenteno, 112, four.
(04-28-82)

▲ **MEXICO CITY**—Cayetano Correa, 134, TKO'd Jose Luis Tapia, 134, in two. Eduardo Esparza, 118, TKO'd Juan Atilano, also 118, in eight. Camilo Ortiz, 111, won by a disqualification over Jose Pineda, 112, in three. Mario Marin, 108, and Gerardo Gonzalez, 107, drew, six. Ruben Lira, 135, outpointed Gabriel Perez, also 135, four.
(05-01-82)

▲ **MEXICO CITY**—Reyes Gonzalez, 135, outscored Pablo Ramirez, also 135, 10. Rodolfo Flores, 113, TKO'd Jesus Tejeda, 112, in 10. Armando Cordoba, 112, TKO'd Carmelo Bustos, 111, in six. Benjamin Rojas, 125, TKO'd Guillermo Perez, also 125, in FOUR.
(05-08-82)

▲ **MEXICO CITY**—Luis Gonzalez, 121, halted Saul Linares, 122, in three. Raul Dominguez, 108, outscored Ramon (Toluco) Lopez, 107, 10. Sergio Castro, 134, outscored Albino Morranchel, also 134, six. Agustin Resendiz, 134, TKO'd Lupe Hernandez, also 134, in four. Pedro Mendoza, 114, TKO'd Saturnino Alonso, also 114, in three.
(05-12-82)

▲ **MEXICO CITY**—Antonio Escobar, 112, TKO'd Baldomero Santos, 111, in five. Jesus Portillo, 111, outscored Neftali Ramirez, also 111, 10. Fernando (Soldadito) Teran, 117, outpointed Lupe Merlos, 118, eight. Martin Flores, 111, outscored Alfredo de la Torre, also 111, six. Jorge Lua, 135, kayoed Antonio Rivera, 134, in two.
(05-15-82)

▲ **MEXICO CITY**—Diego Avila, 117, and Mario (Chapo) Nava, 118, drew, 10. Camilo Ortiz, 111, TKO'd Pedro (Venadito) Flores, 110, in one. Juan Reyes, 117, won by a disqualification over Manuel Pichardo, 118, in three. Salvador Cardenas, 125, outpointed Hugo Sarmiento, 126, four. Jose Ramirez TKO'd Efrain Guzman, 111, in three.
(05-19-82)

▲ **MEXICO CITY**—Antonio de la Paz, 120, outscored Carlos Mendoza, 122, Panama, 10. Rene Arredondo, 136, won by a disqualification over Jose Luis Escalante, 135, in four. Rafael (Raton) Alonso, 110, outpointed Elfego Lopez, 109, 10. Jesus Hernandez, 146, TKO'd Tomas (Negro) Garcia, 147, in four. Andres Jimenez, 109, TKO'd Arturo Mendoza, 107, in four.
(05-22-82)

▲ **MEXICO CITY**—Leoncio Ortiz, 135, TKO'd Ezequiel Coronado, also 135, in six. Alberto Garcia, 108, TKO'd Ricardo Sosa, 107, in one. Hector Cortes, 115, iced Benjamin Rojas, 114, in one. Gerardo Gonzalez, 110, TKO'd Basilio Maya, also 110, in four. Donanciano Escamilla, 125, TKO'd Gregorio Narciso, also 125, in one.
(05-26-82)

▲ **MEXICO CITY**—Jorge de Jesus, 117, outpointed Hector Cortes, 118, 10. Alberto Garcia, 108, and Enedino Tolentino, also 108, drew, 10. Salvador Zamora, 119, kayoed Javier Torres, 118, in three. Aristeo Lopez, 134, outscored Agustin Vicenteno, also 134, six.
(05-29-82)

▲ **MEXICO CITY**—Rodolfo Ortega, 113, TKO'd Salvador Estrada, also 113, in seven. Carlos Linares, 122, knocked out Juan de la Cruz, 121, in five. Armando (Toro) Cordoba, 111, TKO'd Leonardo Diaz, also 111, in five. Agustin Resendiz, 119, TKO'd Ramon Granados, 110, in two. Juan Cabrera, 117, outscored Guillermo Cazoli, 118, four.
(06-02-82

▲ **MEXICO CITY**—Jorge Ramirez, 118, retained his Mexican bantam title by outscoring Rigoberto (Gigio) Estrada, 117, 12. Leoncio Ortiz, 136, TKO'd Angel Mata, 135, in five. Herminio Delgado, 134, outscored Feliciano Soto, 135, 10. Jesus Muniz, 117, won by a disqualification over Jose Escamilla, also 117, in the first round. Alejandro Escalona, 125, outpointed Juan Gomez, 124, four.
(06-05-82)

▲ **MEXICO CITY**—Pedro (Canon) Diaz, 176, TKO'd Benny Nava, 174, in three. Luciano Fernandez, 146, halted Jose Canchola, 147, in three. Victor Martinez, 114, TKO'd Jose Luis Avila, 115, in four. Jaime Lara, 136, iced Everardo Sanchez, 135, in one. Rodolfo Ramirez, 123, TKO'd Isidro Cazares, also 123, in two.
(06-09-82)

▲ **MEXICO CITY**—Candido Tellez, 107, TKO'd Aaron Garcia, 108, in the first round to win the vacant Mexican junior flyweight title. Gilberto Roman, 115, outscored Heriberto Saavedra, 117, 10. Jesus Tejeda, 108, TKO'd Jesus Becerra, also 108, in five. Miguel Angel Dominguez, 135, stopped Leopoldo Portillo, also 135, in six. Javier Hernandez, 123, TKO'd Damian Hernandez, 122, in five.
(06-12-82)

▲ **MEXICO CITY**—Rafael (Raton) Alonso, 111, TKO'd Lupe Acosta, 112, in nine. Bonifacio Flores, 125, TKO'd Pablo Marquez, 126, in two. Aniceto Hernandez, 108, TKO'd Gerardo Carreno, 107, in five. Albino Degollado, 117, TKO'd Jose Cajero, 116, in three. Andres Jimenez, 107, TKO'd Gerardo Flores, also 107, in two.
(06-16-82)

▲ **MEXICO CITY**—Alejandro Flores, 108, outscored Luis Fernando (Pringa) Hernandez, also 108, 10. Santos Rodriguez, 135, and Carlos Ibarra, 134, drew, 10. Jaime Lara, 136, TKO'd Gerardo Sanchez, 134, in one. Juan Neri, 146, TKO'd Jacinto Gonzalez, 147, in one. Hilario Duran, 107, TKO'd Enrique Trujillo, 108, in three.
(06-23-82)

▲ **MEXICO CITY**—Javier Lucas, 122, TKO'd Antonio Escobar, 113, in seven. Rene Arredondo, 134, TKO'd Juan Carlos Alvarado, 134, in six. Martin Flores, 115, TKO'd Hugo Rodriguez, 116, in five. Pedro (Alegria) Montero, 124, Dominican Republic, knocked out Jorge Medina, 126, in four. Jose Escamilla, 117, outpointed Herminio Hernandez, 116, six.
(06-26-82)

▲ **MEXICO CITY**—Raul (Satanas) Guerrero, 135, outpointed Roman Nunez, 134, 10. Jorge Mercado, 135, TKO'd Obed (Chango) Najera, 137, in one. Popeye Mendoza, 119, TKO'd Angel Vasquez, 118, in one. Arturo Coutino, 147, TKO'd Gregorio Bonilla, 146, in three. Jose Soto, 117, kayoed Guillermo Garcia, 118, in the first.
(06-30-82)

▲ **MEXICO CITY**—Diego Avila, 117, won by a disqualification over Gilberto Roman, also 117, in seven. Filiberto (Macanas) Gonzalez, 108, and Raul Dominguez, 109, drew, 10. Herminio Delgado, 136, TKO'd Roberto Campos, 135, in four. Jaime Lara, 135, TKO'd Nicolas Mora, 134, in one. Donaciano Escamilla, 125, TKO'd Jorge Herrera, also 125, in three.
(07-03-82)

GUERRERO

▲ **CIUDAD ALTAMIRANO**—Francisco Guerrero, 108, outscored Enedino Tolentino, also 108, 10.
(01-15-82)

▲ **ACAPULCO**—Javier Lucas, 109, stopped Victor (Vaquerito) Diaz, 108, in eight. Miguel Angel (Huracan) Juarez, 117, outpointed Arturo Gonzalez, also 117, 10.
(01-29-82)

▲ **ACAPULCO**—Daniel Zaragoza, 118, outscored Miguel Angel (Huracan) Juarez, 117, 10. Emilio Santos, 108, outscored Ricardo Sosa, 107, 10. Daniel Palacios, 118, stopped Ruben Hernandez, 119, in eight.
(02-12-82)

▲ **ACAPULCO**—Javier Lucas, 112, kayoed Jose Luis Segovia, 112, in the first round. Carlos Ramirez, 123, stopped Arturo Torres, 124, in three. Ismael Benitez, 124, knocked out JOrge Zavala, 125, in three. Alejandro Cruz, 119, kayoed Alejandro Alvarez, 118, in one. Herlindo Hernandez, 112, knocked out Roberto Lopez, 111, in the first.
(02-26-82)

▲ **ACAPULCO**—Carlos (Pollo) Gonzalez, 127, kayoed Naty Echeverria, 126, in one. Francisco Candela, 145, halted Alberto Garcia, 146, in two. Jesus Melo, 107, kayoed Ney Hernandez, 108, in three.
(03-12-82)

▲ **ACAPULCO**—Marcos Villasana, 126, TKO'd Juan Paredes, 125, in eight to retain his Mexican feather title. Ciro Cayetano, 118, stopped Julio (Rubia) Avendano, also 118, in eight to win the Guerrero State bantam title Gilberto Roman, 117, TKO'd Miguel Angel (Huracan) Juarez, also 117, in seven. Carlos (Pollo) Gonzalez, 132, TKO'd Pablo Gonzalez, 133, in three.
(03-19-82)

▲ **ZIHUATANEJO**—Marcos Guzman, 118, kayoed Hugo Santamaria, 116, in five.
(04-17-82)

▲ **ACAPULCO**—Javier Lucas, 109, TKO'd Luis (Pajarito) Aguilar, 108, in seven. Daniel Zaragoza, 118, TKO'd Ramon Concha, 117, in two. Juan Manuel Rios, 111, outpointed Rodolfo Alvarado, 112, 10. Juan de la Cruz, 118, TKO'd Mario Diaz, 119, in six. Antonio (Chino) Benitez, 112, TKO'd Jesus Melo, 113, in three.
(04-23-82)

▲ **ACAPULCO**—Elpidio Infante, 125, TKO'd Carlos (Pollo) Gonzalez, 125, in nine. Jose Cruz, 112, knocked out Emilio Santos, 111, in three. Neo Gonzalez, 108, outpointed Manuel Arce, also 108, eight. Juan Sanchez, 115, kayoed Renato Viviano, also 115, in the first round. Apolonio Mollado, 116, stopped Andres Tellez, 115, in three.
(04-30-82)

▲ **ACAPULCO**—Isidro Perez, 107, TKO'd Carlos (Atomo) Garcia, 108, in eight. Julio (Rubia) Avendano, 134, TKO'd Francisco Mayo, 135, in eight.
(05-14-82)

▲ **ACAPULCO**—Gilberto Roman, 118, knocked out Ciro Cayetano, 117, in eight. Jose Antonio Lopez, 117, won a technical decision over Ernesto (Maceton) Herrera in eight.
(05-28-82)

▲ **ACAPULCO**—Ernesto (Maceton) Herrera, 119, took out Bartolo (Berto) Silva, 118, in three. Ruben Hernandez, 127,won by a disqualification over Benito Benitez, 128, in six.
(07-02-82)

JALISCO

▲ **GUADALAJARA**—Sergio Medina, 135, TKO'd Carlos de los Cobos, also 135, in two to retain his Jalisco State lightweight title. Raul Negrete, 124, TKO'd Manuel Ruelas, 125, in two.
(01-29-82)

▲ **GUADALAJARA**—Mario (Azabache) Martinez, 117, halted Ambrosio Luna, also 117, in one.
(02-02-82)

▲ **GUADALAJARA**—Mario (Azabache) Martinez, 117, halted Ambrosio Luna, also 117, in one.
(02-05-82)

▲ **GUADALAJARA**—Baldomero Santos, 110, outscored Wilebaldo Salazar, also 110, 10. Juan Cordero, 118, TKO'd Francisco Sanchez, 117, in two.
(02-12-82)

▲ **GUADALAJARA**—Manuel (Guapo) Luna, 117, outpointed Angel Hernandez, 118, 10. Alfredo Nava, 111, TKO'd Alfreado Hernandez, 112, in five. Eduardo Dominguez, 118, TKO'd Roberto Sandoval, also 118, in four. Ubaldo Mares, 121, TKO'd Juan Carlos Rubio, 120, in five. Sergio Jimenez, 119, TKO'd Manuel Gonzalez, 120, in two.
(02-19-82)

▲ **GUADALAJARA**—Juan Garcia, 135, outpointed Sergio Medina, 136, 10.
(02-26-82)

▲ **GUADALAJARA**—Arturo (Cuyito) Hernandez, 126, TKO'd David Fierro, 125, in seven to retain his Jalisco State feather title.
(03-02-83)

▲ **GUADALAJARA**—Primitivo Espinosa, 125, outpointed Salvador Larios, also 125, 10.
(03-12-82)

▲ **GUADALAJARA**—Mario (Azabache) Martinez, 119, kayoed Ramon Escalante, 120, in three.
(03-25-82)

▲ **GUADALAJARA**—Ubaldo Ramirez, 125, TKO'd Maximino Guevara, 126, in five. Ramiro Loza, 135, TKO'd Carlos de los Cobos, also 135, in three.
(03-26-82)

▲ **GUADALAJARA**—Agustin Macias, 124, TKO'd Victor Gamez, 125, in four. Julio Cardona, 119, TKO'd Esteban Guzman, 118, in nine.
(04)02)82)

▲ **GUADALAJARA**—Primitivo Espinosa, 119, TKO'd Tony Guevara, 120, in four.
(01-16-82)

▲ **GUADALAJARA**—Sergio Medina, 134, TKO'd Agustin Ramirez, 135, in six.
(04)22-82)

▲ **GUADALAJARA**—Juan Garcia, 135, TKO'd Juan Carlos Alvarado, 136, in seven.
(04-23-82)

▲ **GUADALAJARA**—Antonio Escobar demolished Jose Perez, 111, in one.
(05-07-82)

▲ **GUADALAJARA**—Angel Hernandez, 125, TKO'd Martin Miranda, 126, in four. Felix Garcia, 117, TKO'd Jose Luis Quijano, 118, in eight.
(05-14-82)

▲ **GUADALAJARA**—Jorge Vaca, 145, polished off Jose Luis Alvarez, 147, in five.
(05-28-82)

▲ **GUADALAJARA**—Alfonso (Buho) Rodriguez, 119, outpointed Manuel (Seco) Luna, 120, 10. Alfonso Villa, 136, TKO'd Francisco Ortiz, 135, in three. (06-04-82)

▲ **GUADALAJARA**—Ernesto Herrera, 135, TKO'd Juan Graciano, 136, in eight.
(06-11-82)

▲ **GUADALAJARA**—Ubaldo Rivas, 125, outscored Rodolfo Quintero, also 125, 10.
(06-18-82)

▲ **GUADALAJARA**—Wilebaldo Salazar, 110, knocked out Joel Vasquez, 109, in one. Rene Rodriguez, 125, TKO'd Raul Negrete, 126, in the 10th and final round.
(06-25-82)

▲ **GUADALAJARA**—Primitivo Espinoso, 134, outscored Salvador Larios, also 134, 10. Enrique Guerrero, 119, stopped Jorge Hernandez, 120, in two. Eduardo Munoz, 117, outpointed Salvador Rodriguez, 119, eight.
(07-02-82)

▲ **GUADALAJARA**—Alberto (Hungaro) Martinez, 108, halted Jorge de Alba, also 108, in eight. Julio Barojas, 117, TKO'd Rodolfo Flores, 118, in seven.
(07-09-82)

▲ **GUADALAJARA**—Arturo (Cuyito) Hernandez, 125, outpointed Armando Luna, 124, 10.
(07-16-82)

▲ **GUADALAJARA**—Juan Cordero, 118, outscored Ubaldo Rivas, 119, 10. Rivas died four days later.
(07-23-82)

▲ **GUADALAJARA**—Sergio Medina, 135, kayoed Tomas (Negro) Garcia, 136, in two. Carlos Segovia, 117, TKO'd Sebastian Mancilla, 119, in six. Carlos Cenobio, 119, kayoed Alfredo Fernandez, also 119, in three. Carlos Gil, 116, stopped Rodolfo Arcaraz, 117, in three.
(07-30-82)

MICHOACAN

▲ **APATZINGAN**—Agustin Macias, 134, outscored Roberto Arredondo, 135, 10.
(03-12-82)

MORELOS

▲ **CUERNAVACA**—Juan Manuel Gonzalez, 119, TKO'd Rigoberto Herrera, 120, in nine. Ernesto Herrera, 113, halted Tomas Chavez, also 113, in two. Pastor Estrada, 117, outpointed Lupe Hernandez, 116, 10. Flaco Picasso, 115, and Chino Dominquez, also 115, drew, six. Lalo Medina, 114, halted Oscar Ruiz, also 114, in two.
(03-27-82)

▲ **CUERNAVACA**—Francisco Mayo, 118, stiffened Rodolfo Villareal, also 118, in the second.
(06-18-82)

OAXACA

▲ **SALINA CRUZ**—Cayetano Correa, 136, kayoed Amado (Costeno) endoza, 134, in five. Juan Velazco, 118, knocked out Cachorro Cruz, 119, in the first.
(01-29-82)

▲ **SALINA CRUZ**—Felipe (Tigre) Fernandez, 119, TKO'd Juan Miranda, 118, in six.
(03)26)82)

▲ **SALINA CRUZ**—Austreberto (Beto) Perez, 118, halted Jesus (Tauro) Cano, 117, in four.
(05)07)82)

PUEBLA

▲ **PUEBLA**—Jose Vasquez, 124, halted Pedro Lopez, 125, who died a few days later.
(03-31-82)

QUINTARO ROO

▲ **CHETUMAL**—Fernando (Soldadito) Teran, 117, TKO'd David Raygoza, also 117, in eight. Pedro Lopez, 124, kayoed Joe del Angel, 122, in two. Jorge Lopez, 113, halted Pedro (Venadito) Flores, 109, in five. Guadalupe Taje, 135, outscored Kid Bronco, also 135, six. Kid Cachorro, 121, chilled Julio Aquilar, 122, in two.
(01-22-82)

▲ **COZUMEL**—Jose Esteban Ouijano, 109, and Bruno Luevano, also 109, drew, 10. Luis Jorge (Cucaracho) Rejon, 109, stopped Fermin (Torito) Madera, 108, in two. Martin Mejia, 110, halted Guillermo Piste, 109, in two. Tony Sierra, 108, outpointed Gaby Pech, 107, four.
(02-10-82)

▲ **CHETUMAL**—Margarito (Lobo) Narvaez, 112, TKO'd Manuel Gonzalez, 113, in two. Francisco (Dandy) Gonzalez, 125, outpointed Ramon Quintal, also 125, 10. Luis Jorge (Cucracho) Rejon, 109, and Javier (Candelita) Varguez, 108, drew, eight. Gaby Pech, 120, stopped Arturo Romero, 119, in five. Jose Rodriguez, 117, outscored Saturnino May, 118, four.
(02-27-82)

▲ **CHETUMAL**—Fernando (Soldadito) Teran, 117, outpointed Angel Lino, 116, 10.
(04-02-82)

▲ **CANCUN**—Felipe Suarez, 162, stopped Francisco Perez Robinson, 160, in eight. Florentino Palomeque, 111, TKO'd Guadalupe Dager, 112, in three. Gaby Pech, 110, TKO'd Jose (Baby) Cetina, 109. Jesus (Pajarito) Rivera, 111, outscored Jorge Pena, 109, four. Jorge Rivera, 111, outscored Miguel Luna, 112, four.
(05-14-82)

▲ **CHETUMAL**—Eduardo (Lalo) Acosta, 110, stopped Neo Santana, 111, in four. Joaquin Quijano, 115, halted Jorge Alberto (Pajarito) May, also 115, in five.
(05-28-82)

▲ **CANCUN**—Fedel Martinez, 112, chilled Wilbert Canche, 111, in eight.
(06-30-82)

▲ **CHETUMAL**—Babe Luis, 108, kayoed Gino Canul, also 108, in four.
(07-02-82)

SAN LUIS POTOSI

▲ **SAN LUIS POTOSI**—Carlos (Calaca) Segura, 118, stopped Coloradito Lopez, 117, in two. Efrain Ovalle, 124, outpointed Jose Luis Segovia, 125, 10. Mario Hernandez, 117, stopped Ramon Zuniga, also 117, in two. Carlos Maya, 115, knocked out Jeronimo Estrada, 116, in one.
(01-08-82)

▲ **SAN LUIS POTOSI**—Trini Hernandez, 125, kayoed Manuel Quintanilla, also 125, in four. Mario Calderon, 119, outscored Elisco Silva, 118, 10. Fernando Torres, 114, outpointed Roberto Torres, 115, eight.
(01-29-82)

▲ **SAN LUIS POTOSI**—Carlos Seguar, 117, knocked out Jose Fuentes, also 117, in one. Noel Seguar, 110, kayoed Santacruz Oropeza, 111, in two.
(03-12-82)

▲ **MATEHUALA**—Joel Seguar, 124, halted Mario Calderon, also 124, in nine. Pelusa Martinez, 145, kayoed Jose Luis (Pelon) Castillo, 146, in six. Lupe Martinez, 117, knocked out Arturo Torres in three.
(04-02-82)

▲ **CIUDAD VALLES**—Gilberto Roman, 118, outscored Alejo Garcia, 117, 10. Jose Antonio Alvarez, 121, outscored Emilio Solano, 119, eight.
(04-02-82)

SINALOA

▲ **MAZATLAN**—Miguel Angel (Baldo) Gonzalez, 118, and Freddie (Riel) Hernandez, 120, Colombia, drew, 10. Celso Munoz, 110, TKO'd Arturo Tebaqui, also 110, in seven. Macario Tovar, 117, outpointed Alfonso (Buho) Rodriguez, 118, 10. Lorenzo Benitez, 159, chilled Juan Ramon Campas, 157, in six.
(02-13-82)

▲ **CULIACAN**—Freddie Castillo, 112, retained his NABF flyweight title by outscoring Lupe Acosta, also 112, 12. Roman Acosta, 111, outpointed Luis Fernando (Pringa) Hernandez, 112, 10. Wary Beltran, 157, TKO'd Tony Villegas, 159, in three.
(02-26-82)

▲ **LOS MOCHIS**—Betillo Gutierrez, 146, won the Mexican welter title by outpointing Alberto Lopez, 145, 12. Arturo Tebaqui, 111, iced Benny Balenzuela, also 111, in one. Manuel Valdez, 119, bombed out Rosario Ruelas, 118, in one. Ramon Berduzco, 145, outscored Francisco Luguez, 144, 10. Ramon Avitia, 138, TKO'd Rodolfo Chavez, 137, in six.
(03-14-82)

▲ **CULIACAN**—Jose Luis Ramirez, 135, stopped Benny Abarca, also 135, in three to retain his Mexican lightweight title. Jesus (Chuyin) Lopez, 118, outpointed Ray (Pelon) Rodriguez, 117, 10.
(03-19-82)

▲ **CRUZ DE LOTA**—Romeo Insuza, 147, halted Jose Ochoa, 146, in five. Jose Manuel Neriz, 135, and Marco Gonzalez, 137, drew, 10.
(04-22-82)

▲ **CULIACAN**—Luis Fernando (Pringa) Hernandez, 109, TKO'd Venancio Rosas, also 109, in six. Martin Torres, 114, outscored Carlos de la Paz, 113, 10.
(04-23-82)

▲ **MAZATLAN**—Juan Antonio Lopez, 121, kayoed Tony Villegas, 122, in three. Baldo Gonzalez, 116, outpointed Angel Felix, 117, 10.
(04-30-82)

▲ **CULIACAN**—Jesus (Chuyin) Lopez, 118, outscored Manuel (Guapo) Luna, also 118, 10. Abraham Soto, 135, kayoed Piro Soberanes, 134, in four.
(05-14-82)

▲ **CRUZ DE LOTA**—Juan Antonio Lopez, 121, stopped Abel Torres, 123, in three.
(05-16-82)

▲ **CRUZ DE LOTA**—Juan Antonio Lopez, 122, knocked out Jesus Pitalua, also 122, in six. Chiquilin Rodriguez, 111, halted Lupe Lopez, also 111, in fipe.
(05-28-82)

▲ **CULIACAN**—Luis Fernando (Pringa) Hernandez, 109, stopped Javier Guerrero, 108, in eight. Fernando Soldadito) Teran, 118, outscored Martin Torres, 117, 10.
(06-04-82)

▲ **MAZATLAN**—Antonio Becerra, 124, TKO'd Titino Martinez, 125, in six. Raul (Payo) Valdez, 117, outscored Betillo Agosto, 118, 10. Celso (Estudiante) Munoz, 113, and Rodolfo (Dorado) Martinez, 112, drew, 10.
(06-16-82)

▲ **CULIACAN**—Rocky Alonso, 135, polished off Abraham Soto, 136, in six.
(06-18-82)

▲ **LA CRUZ**—Jesus Pitalua, 130, stopped Juan WFranco, 131, in six. Saul Ponce, 135, kayoed Pablo Garcia, 134, in three.
(07-08-82)

▲ **LOS MOCHIS**—Humberto (Betillo) Gutierrez, 147, retained his Mexican welterweight crown by knocking out Rafael Nunez, also 147, in round eight. (Gutierrez died in an automobile accident on July 29.)
(07-11-82)

▲ **CULIACAN**—Francisco (Cochulito) Montiel, 108, TKO'd Rudy Crawford, 109, Nicaragua, in six. Guary Beltran, 145, knocked out Oscar Burgos, 143, in two.
(07-30-82)

SONORA

▲ **HERMOSILLO**—Norberto Cabrera, 125, TKO'd Mauricio Beltran, also 125, in four. Ernesto Escalante, 159, outscored Ramiro Gonzalez, 160, 10.
(01-29-82)

▲ **CIUDAD OBREGON**—Martin (Camaron) Castro, 125, iced Jose (Veneno) Medina, 126, in one.
(02-26-82)

▲ **GUAYMAS**—Hector (Young Casanova) Medina, 121, stopped Ramiro Borboa, 122, in four.
(03-12-82)

▲ **NAVOJOA**—Martin (Camaron) Castro, 125, iced Jose (Veneno) Medina, 126, in one.
(02-26-82)

▲ **GUAYMAS**—Hector (Young Casanova) Medina, 121, stopped Ramiro Borboa, 122, in four.
(03-12-82)

▲ **NAVOJOA**—Martin (Camaron) Castro, 125, outpointed Gustavo Salgado, also 125, 10. Conrado Lopez, 118, polished off Ruben Pichardo, also 118, in two. Sergio Zambrano, 126, stopped Sergio Guerrero, 125, in three.
(03-31-82)

▲ **NAVOJOA**—Martin (Camaron) Castro, 124, outscored Francisco (Trompo) Marquez, 125, 10. Adrian (Cachorro) Estrella, 135, won the Sonora State lightweight title by stopping Halcon Pena, also 135, in the fourth round. Conrado Lopez, 134, halted Elias Villalobos, 135, in two. Daniel Romero, 123, knocked out Jesus Arias, 122, in four.
(05-21-82)

▲ **NAVOJOA**—Guillermo (Lobo) Morales, 125, TKO'd Martin (Camaron) Castro, also 125, in eight. Pedro Galaviz, 117, TKO'd Conrado Lopez, 118, in nine. Chalio Roman, 111, outscored Ignacio (Tanquecito) Lopez, also 111, 10. Sergio Zambrano, 122, TKO'd Rosalio Ruelas, also 122, in two. Manny Balmaceda, 125, kayoed Vaquero Duarte, also 125, in three. (Note: the result of the Morales-Castro bout was later changed to a technical decision win for Castro by the local commission.)
(07-01-82)

▲ **GUAYMAS**—Norberto Cabrera, 124, outscored Hector (Young Casanova) Medina, also 124, 10.
(06-19-82)

▲ **CIUDAD OBREGON**—Hector (Young Casanova) Medina, 124, outpointed Juan Antonio Lopez, also 124, 10. Martin Quiroz, 134, outscored Rodolfo Chavez, 135, 10.
(07-30-82)

TAMAULIPAS

▲ **REYNOSA**—Raymundo (Battling) Torres II, 148, knocked out Nacho Saucedo, 145, in round six.
(01-25-82)

▲ **REYNOSA**—Andres (Pantera) Ramirez, 159, won the Mexican middleweight crown by outpointing Jose Mireles, 160, 12. Jorge Torres, 147, outscored Ruben Delgado, 146, 10.
(02-08-82)

▲ **CIUDAD MANTE**—Chano Muniz, 112, halted Jose (Pepillo) Herrera, also 112, in the fourth round. Carlos Villa, 117, outscored Ricardo Hernandez, also 117, 10. Alejandro Requena, 126, and Porfirio Hernandez, 125, drew, eight. Gil Sanchez, 117, knocked out Edgar Muniz, also 117, in round three.
(02-18-82)

▲ **TAMPICO**—Prudencio Cardona, 111, Colombia, knocked out Antonio Avelar, 112, in the first round to win the WBC flyweight title. Roberto (Kid) Rubaldino, 124, TKO'd Alfredo (Buho) Rodriguez, also 124, in eight. Rocky Montoya, 149, TKO'd Antonio Acevedo, 151, in three.
(03-20-82)

▲ **MATAMOROS**—Mario (Polvorita) Gonzalez, 112, kayoed Rodolfo Alvarado, also 112, in the second. Cristobal Pena, 117, knocked out Alfredo Zuniga, also 117, in five.
(04-02-82)

▲ **REYNOSA**—Gustavo Martinez, 124, kayoed Felipe Martinez, also 124, in one. Simon Torres, 120, halted Vicente Gonzalez, also 120, in three. Sergio Garcia, 142, got the duke over Indio Peraza, 145, 10.
(05-17-82)

▲ **CIUDAD MANTE**—Johnny Hearns, 169, U.S.A., kayoed David (Maceton) Cabrera, 174, in six.
(06-03-82)

▲ **NUEVO LAREDO**—Gonzalo Montes, 159, outpointed Ernesto Escalante, 160, 10.
(06-04-82)

▲ **CIUDAD MADERO**—Ernesto (Che) Guevara, 117, TKO'd Martin Miranda, 118, in five. Paco Balderas, 118, stopped Francisco Lara Acosta, also 118, in two. Hugo Espinoza, 117, halted Valerio Medina, also 117, in three. Javier Davalos, 114, kayoed Lazaro Gomez, 115, in four.
(06-24-82)

▲ **REYNOSA**—Raymundo (Battling) Torres II, 147, halted Chucho Salcedo, 146, in seven.
(06-21-82)

▲ **CIUDAD MANTE**—Jose Mireles, 161, and Ricky Davis, 160, Panama, drew, 10. Chano Muniz, 145, stiffened Angel Frazer, 146, in six. Victor Gamez, 125, halted Alejandro Requena, also 125, in six. Porfirio Hernandez, 116, nailed Alejandro Villa, 117, in six.
(07-08-82)

TABASCO

▲ **VILLAHERMOSA**—Saul Linares, 122, knocked out Pedro Montano, 121, in five. Aaron Garcia, 109, iced Martin Perez, 108, in one. Aniceto Hernandez, 118, kayoed Goyo Ramos, 119, in five.
(02-25-82)

YUCATAN

▲ **MERIDA**—Carlos (Calin) Castro, 115, TKO'd Sergio Vera, also 115, in three. Santiago Mendez, 110, TKO'd Fernando Varguez, 109, in seven. Wilbert Vera, 126, TKO'd Loreto Paredes, 125, in two. Wilbert Medina, 118, outpointed Jose Montejo, 117, six. Javier Pat, 111, demolished Rafael Bojorquez, also 111, in one.
(01-20-82)

▲ **MERIDA**—Alfredo Chale, 108, TKO'd Pastor Brito, also 108, in one. Santiago Mendez, 111, TKO'd Javier Alonso, also 111, in five. Faustino (Rabanito) Martin, 122, outscored Reynaldo (Lobito) Baas, 120, six. Guiler Chuc, 114, TKO'd Jose Francisco.

▲ **MERIDA**—Santos Laciar, 111, Argentina, regained the WBA flyweight title with a 13th round TKO over Juan Herrera, also 111. Ricardo (Leoncito) Peralta, 135, outpointed Rocky Montoya, 134, 10. Roberto (Kid) Rubaldino, 125, TKO'd Daniel Herrera, also 125, in three. Mario de Marco, 109, TKO'd Miguel (Pulgarcito) Leal, also 109, in 10. Wilbert Medina, 111, outscored Juan (Canon) Garcia, 109, 10.
(05-01-82)

▲ **MERIDA**—Sergio Vera, 116, kayoed Fernando (Baby) Pena, 118, in seven. Javier Alonso, 108, and Luis Jorge (Cucaracho) Rejon, also 108, drew, 10. Wilbert Vera, 124, TKO'd Dandy Lugo, 125, in four. David Munoz, 117, TKO'd Faustino (Rabanito) Martin, also 117, in two. Carlos Mendez, 107, outpointed Poli Rivera, 108, four.
(05-19-82)

▲ **MERIDA**—Baby Luis, 108, TKO'd Santiago Mendez, 109, in the 10th and final round. Ramon (Chopas) Ortiz, 115, TKO'd Ranulfo Cano, 113, in the 10th. Rene Medina, 108, outpointed Carlos Mendez, 107, six. Luis Roman, 111, kayoed Cirilo Sanchez, also 111, in the first, Roger Arevalo, 112, outscored Guillermo Piste, 111, four.
(06-02-82)

▲ **MERIDA**—Alfredo Chale, 112, stopped Eleazar Colli, 113, in seven. Wilbert Vera, 125, TKO'd Jose (Chueco) Zapata, also 125, in three. Javier (Candelita) Varguez, 108, knocked out Valerio Olivares, also 108, in five. Benigno (Chino) Martin, 119, outpointed Torito Cab, 118, six. Roger Ramirez, 116, outscored Angel Chan, 117, four.
(06-23-82)

▲ **MERIDA**—Alfredo Chale, 112, stopped Eleazar Colli, 113, in seven. Wilbert Vera, 126, TKO'd Jose (Chueco) Zapata, also 126, in three. Javier (Candelita) Varguez, 108, knocked out Valerio Olivares, also 108, in five. Benigno (Chino) Martin, 119, outpointed Torito Cab, 118, six. Roger Ramirez, 116, outscored Angel Chan, 117, four.
(06-23-82)

▲ **MERIDA**—William Solis, 133, TKO'd Gaspar Pool, also 133, in the Yam, 116, in three. Baby Luis II, 107, outpointed Jose Cituk, 108, four.
(02-17-82)

▲ **MERIDA**—Carlos (Calin) Castro, 117, outscored Ramon Concha, also 117, 10. William Solis outpointed Gaspar Pool, 134, 10. David Munoz, 116, iced Vicente (Torito) Vasguez, 115, in one. Alberto Chuc, 127, polished off Lazaro Uribe, 125, in one. Kid Jorge II, 112, outscored Javier Pat, also 112, four.
(03-03-82)

▲ **MERIDA**—Alfredo Chale, 112, outscored Jose Esteban Quijano, also 112, 10. Wilbert Vera, 125, TKO'd Ramon Quintal, also 125, in seven. Luis Jorge (Cucaracho) Rejon, 108, stopped Rosendo Ake, 109, in seven. Mantequilla Tzuc, 113, TKO'd Ernesto Alonso, 112, in one. Luis Roman and Mario Arjona, 111, drew, four.
(03-24-82)

▲ **MERIDA**—Baby Luis, 111, halted Bruno Luevano, 112, in seven. Sergio Vera, 117, TKO'd Jose Montejo, 118, in seven. Francisco Perez Robinson, 144, TKO'd Abraham Nunez, 141, in three. Faustino (Rabanito) Martin TKO'd Juan Pablo (Mantequilla) Tzuc, 116, in five. German Chacon, 113, halted Rafael Bojorquez, also 113, in three.
(03-31-82)

▲ **MERIDA**—Carlos (Calin) Castro, 118, TKO'd Eleazar Colli, 117, in 10. Santiago Mendez, 108, kayoed Valerio Olivares, 109, in five. Luis Jorge (Cucaracho) Rejon, 109, stopped Javier (Candelita) Varguez, 108, in two. David Munoz, 118, outscored Ramon Pinto, 117, six. Carlos Mendez, 108, outpointed Tigre Rodriguez, also 108, four.
(04-21-82)

▲ **MERIDA**—William Solis, 133, TKO'd Gaspar Pool, also 133, in the 12th and final round to win the vacant Yucatan State lightweight title. Ramon (Chopas) Ortiz, 112, TKO'd Sergio Vera, also 112, in two. Carlos Mendez, 108, TKO'd Javier Pat, 107, in three. Baby Luis II, 105, outpointed Jose Cituk, also 105, four. Roger Arebalo, 117, outscored Guillermo Piste, 118, four.
(07-07-82)

VERACRUZ

▲ **MISANTLA**—Dennis (Kid) Cook, 147, British Honduras, TKO'd David (Lenteja) Madrid, 148, in six.
(02-20-82)

▲ **JALAPA**—Juan Velazco, 118, kayoed Armando (Palitos) Perez, 117, in two.
(03-02-82)

▲ **JAPALA**—Efren Pinto, 119, kayoed Victor Galindo, 118, in six.
(03-30-82)

ZACATECAS

▲ **ZACATECAS**—Rafael Aparicio, 135, outpointed his brother, Jesus (Sereno) Aparicio, also 135, to win the Zacatecas State lightweight title, 12.
(03-28-82)

▲ **ZACATECAS**—Jose Luis Ortega, 115, kayoed Gregorio Martinez, 116, in four.
(05-22-82)

▲ **CIUDAD NEZAHUALCOYOTL**—Neftali Ramirez, 111, outpointed Jose Luis Bautista, 112, 10. Jose Luis Garrido, 125, TKO'd Alberto Cuellar, 124, in eight. Jose Luis Luna, 147, kayoed Fernando Juarez, also 147, in two. Ricardo Maldonado, 134, TKO'd Aureliano Cortes, also 134 in four. Carlos Aguirre, 111, TKO'd Julio Garcia, also 111, in three.
(02-13-82)

▲ **CIUDAD NEZAHUALCOYOTL**—Neftali Ramirez, 111, knocked out Lauro Villa, 112, in four.
(03-27-82)

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SOUTH AMERICA

BELIZE

▲ **BELIZE CITY—Civic Center**—Fitzroy Guissippi, 147, Belize, kayoed game Jorvin Leon, 145, Mexico, in the ninth round of a scheduled 10.

Monky Munoz, 136, Mexico, and Chester Audinette, 135, Belize, drew, 10. The scores were 99-98, Audinette; 99-97, Munoz; and 99-99.

Morrington Anthony, 159¾, Belize, won a split decision over Rocky Robinson, 161, Mexico, eight. Scores: 79-78 and 79-77, Anthony; 79-78, Robinson.

Javier Romero, 136, Mexico, knocked out Rodney Slusher, 135½, Belize, in round three of the opening six.

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(08-01-82)

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ARGENTINA

▲ **LA PLATA**—Rodolfo Rodriguez, 108, retained his South American junior flyweight crown, outpointing Hector Patria, also 108, 12.
(07-02-82)

▲ **PARANA**—Juan C. Fernandez, 175½, TKO'd Juan C. Portela, 174, in the ninth round of a scheduled 10.
(07-02-82)

▲ **TUCUMAN**—Carlos Ibarra, 126½, TKO'd Angel Picon, 125¾, in the second round of a scheduled 10.

Ricardo Romero outscored Hector Cabrera, 10 rounds, junior welters.
(07-02-82)

▲ **CORDOBA**—Jose Bronzone, 140, and Alfredo Moyano, 139, drew, 10.

Vicente Silva outpointed Jose Toloza, six rounds, junior middles.
(07-02-82)

▲ **CATAMARCA**—Jose R. Sanchez, 135¾, outpointed Luciano Aguirre, 133½, 10.
(07-02-82)

▲ **LA RIOJA**—Victor Echegaray TKO'd Geronimo Maldonado in the seventh round of a scheduled 10-round lightweight bout.
(07-02-82)

▲ **BUENOS AIRES**—Luna Park Stadium—Sergio N. Combis, 140, outscored Adolfo Arce Rossi, 139¾, 10.

Carlos Velasquez, 152¾, outpointed Ricardo Ruiz, also 152¾, eight.

Felix Ruiz, 163¼, TKO'd Pablo Sandoval, also 163¼, in six.

Jose Galarza, 126¾, outpointed Benito Lopez, also 126¾, six.
(07-03-82)

▲ **GENERAL ACHA**—Luis Bazan, 145½, knocked out Joaquin Aguilera, 141¾, in the second.
(07-03-82)

▲ **BUENOS AIRES—Luna Park Stadium**—Jorge Medina stopped Jose L. Guevara, 153, at the end of five.
(07-07-82)

▲ **CORDOBA**—WBA flyweight champion Santos Laciar, 114½, outscored Ruben Paniagua, 112¾, 10.

Eduardo Cordoba, 145, and Antonio Ricardo Juarez, 147, drew, six.
(07-08-82)

▲ **CATAMARCA**—Luis A. Soto outscored Carlos Omar Almada, 10, lightweights.
(07-08-82)

▲ **TANDIL**—Cesar Villarruel and Americo Suarez drew, 10, super bantams.
(07-08-82)

▲ **MENDOZA**—Ramon Soria, 121¾, outpointed Roberto Haidar, 122¾, 10.

Miguel A. Pereyra, 148½, outscored Humberto Barloa, 147, eight.
(07-08-82)

▲ **NEUQUEN**—Jorge (K.O.) Garcia, 151, outpointed Jorge Conti, 144¾, 10.
(07-08-82)

▲ **LOS TOLDOS**—Jorge Pastor stopped Daniel Gonzalez, Uruguay, at the end of three, light heavies.
(07-08-82)

▲ **SALTO**—Jorge Pereyra, 141, outpointed Carlos Fallone, 136¾, six.
(07-08-82)

▲ **MORTEROS**—Jacinto Fernandez kayoed Ramon E. Perez in the fourth round, middleweights.
(07-08-82)

▲ **RANCUL**—Ricardo F. Castro, 134¼, and Victor Becerra, 134¾, drew, six.
(07-08-82)

▲ **CONCEPCION**—Martin Duran outscored Miguel Arguello, 10 rounds, welters.
(07-08-82)

EUROPEAN RATINGS

HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Lucien Rodriguez (France)
1. Domenico Adinolfi (Italy)
2. Sylvain Watbled (France)
3. Felipe Rodriguez (Spain)
4. Alfredo Evangelista (Spain)
5. Neville Meade (Great Britain)
6. David Pearce (Great Britain)
7. Gordon Ferris (Great Britain)
8. Billy Aird (Great Britain)
9. Al Syben (Belgium)
10. Giudo Trane (Italy)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Rudi Koopmans (Netherlands)
1. Hocine Tafer (France)
2. Alex Blanchard (Netherlands)
3. Richard Caramanolis (France)
4. Fred Serres (Belgium)
5. Bunny Johnson (Great Britain)
6. Tom Collins (Great Britain)
7. Christiano Cavina (Italy)
8. Walter Cevoli (Italy)
9. Ennio Cometti (Italy)
10. Manfred Jassmann (Germany)

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Tony Sibson (Great Britain)
1. Roy Gumbs (Great Britain)
2. Gaetano Ardito (Italy)
3. Nicola Cirelli (Italy)
4. Matteo Salvemini (Italy)
5. Jacques Chinon (France)
6. Frank Winterstein (France)
7. Pierre Joly (France)
8. Rufino Angulo (France)
9. Frank Wissenbach (Germany)
10. Glen McEwen (Great Britain)

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Luigi Minchillo (Italy)
1. Herol Graham (Great Britain)
2. Louis Acaries (France)
3. Marijan Benes (Yugoslavia)
4. Jose Hernandez (Spain)
5. Chris Christian (Great Britain)
6. Richard Rodriguez (France)
7. Jimmy Batten (Great Britain)
8. Peter Thomas (Great Britain)
9. Torben Anderson (Denmark)
10. Jean Andre Emmerich (Germany)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Hans Henrik Palm
1. Jorgen Hansen (Denmark)
2. Colin Powers (Great Britain)
3. Giuseppe Di Padova (Italy)
4. Claude Lancastre (France)
5. Jo Kimpuani (France)
6. Kirkland Laing (Great Britain)
7. Jose Ramon Gomez Fouz (Spain)
8. Franco Aresti (Italy)
9. Piero Angelo Pira (Italy)
10. Dum Dum Pacheco (Spain)

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Clinton McKenzie (Great Britain)
1. Patrizio Oliva (Italy)
2. Antonio Guinaldo (Spain)
3. Francesco Leon (Spain)
4. Giuseppe Russi (Italy)
5. Chris Sanigar (Great Britain)
6. Sylvester Mittee (Great Britain)
7. Des Morrison (Great Britain)
8. Steve Early (Great Britain)
9. Roberto Gambini (France)
10. Antonio Antino (Italy)

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2. Charlie Nash (Great Britain)
3. Lucio Cusma (Spain)
4. Jose Luis Heredia (Spain)
5. George Feeney (Great Britain)
6. Ricky Beaumont (Great Britain)
7. Rene Weller (Germany)
8. Lance Williams (Great Britain)
9. Rodolfo Sanchez (Spain)
10. Giovanni Vitillo (Italy)

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Champion
Cornelius Boza-Edwards (Great Britain)
1. Roberto Castanon (Spain)
2. Carlos Hernandez (Spain)
3. Carlos Rodriguez (Spain)
4. Daniel Londas (France)
5. Alfredo Raininger (Italy)
6. Michele Siracusa (France)
7. Lorenzo Paciullo (Italy)
8. Luigi De Rosa (Italy)
9. Salvatore Liscapade (Italy)
10. Francis Bailleu (France)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Pat Cowdell (Great Britain)
1. Jose Luis Vicho (Spain)
2. Salvatore Melluzzo (Italy)
3. Loris Stecca (Italy)
4. Steve Sims (Great Britain)
5. Jimmy Flint (Great Britain)
6. Cecilio Lastra (Spain)
7. Phillipe Martin (France)
8. Giuseppe La Vite (Italy)
9. Pasquale Mazza (Italy)
10. Terry McKeown (Great Britain)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Giuseppe Fossati (Italy)
1. Valerio Nati (Italy)
2. John Feeney (Great Britain)
3. Esteban Eguia (Spain)
4. Vicente Rodriguez (Spain)
5. Dave Smith (Great Britain)
6. Davy Larmour (Great Britain)
7. Roberto Serreli (Italy)
8. Luis de la Sagra (Spain)
9. Manuel Barquim (Spain)
10. Walter Giogetti (Italy)

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Charlie Magri (Great Britain)
1. Paolo Castrovilli (Italy)
2. Enrique Rodriguez Cal (Spain)
3. Kelvin Smart (Great Britain)
4. Dave George (Great Britain)
5. Franco Cherchi (Italy)
6. Giovanni Camputaro (Italy)
7. Giamiero Pinna (Italy)
8. Ciro De Leva (Italy)
9. Keith Wallace (Great Britain)
10. Marciano Garcia (Spain)

▲ **BAHIA BLANCA**—Walter Correa, 128, won the vacant Buenos Aires State junior lightweight crown by outpointing Lucio Torales, also 128, 12.
(07-08-82)

▲ **PERGAMINO**—Eduardo Chavez, 120, halted Jose Uziga, 119, at the end of five.
(07-09-82)

▲ **ROSARIO**—Jorge Cambiaso, 175, kayoed Juan Miguel Moyano, also 175, in the second.
(07-09-82)

▲ **VIC. MACKENNA**—Jose Filippi outpointed Ramon Traba, 10, junior lights.
Daniel Murua outscored Luis H. Diaz, 10, junior lights.
(07-09-82)

▲ **OLAVARRIA**—Fernando Sosa, 130, TKO'd Antonio Ross, 124¼, in the 10th and final round.
Jose Irin. Rodriguez, 161¾, knocked out Ramon Geremias, 163, in the first.
(07-09-82)

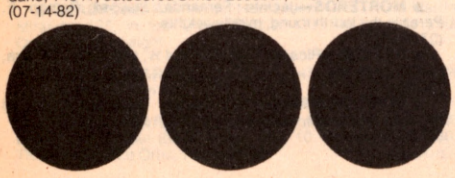
▲ **CARRILOBO, CORDOBA**—Jose A. Oroda outscored Luis Sosa, 10, junior middles.
(07-09-82)

▲ **MOLDES**—Miguel Canedo outpointed Victorino Garcia, 10, junior lightweights.
(07-09-82)

▲ **BUENOS AIRES—Luna Park Stadium**—Juan Roldan, 159¾, knocked out Ricardo Arce, 161½, in the second.
Carlos Guayanes, 139½, kayoed Carlos Paredes, also 139½, in the first round.
Eduardo Benevent, 139¾, outscored Daniel Roldan, 139, six.
Silvano Melgarejo, 137, outpointed Ruben Coria, 135, six.
(07-10-82)

▲ **GENERAL PICO**—Sergio Brites, 142, kayoed Jorge Garcia, Jorge Garcia, 146¾, Rio IV, in round three.
(07-10-82)

▲ **BUENOS AIRES—Luna Park Stadium**—Ramon Abeldano, 149¼, outscored Simon Escobar, 146¾, 10.
(07-14-82)



EUROPE

AUSTRIA

▲ **MOEDLING**—Franz Dorfer won the vacant Austrian middleweight title by stopping Edip Secevic in the interval to round three. Manfred Findenig TKO'd Otto Zinoder in the second, junior welters. Helmut Owessle TKO'd Walter Nickel in five, heavies.

BELGIUM

▲ **ZELE**—Rudi Gauwe won the Benelux heavyweight title by outpointing Robert Desnouck. Jean Marc Renard outscored Andre Blance, feathers.

FRANCE

▲ **PARIS**—Gilles Elbilia outscored Ronald Zenon, welters. Louis Acaries retained his national middleweight title by outpointing Pierre Joly.

▲ **MARSEILLES**—Daniel Londas knocked out French junior lightweight champion Francis Bailleul for his 18th win. Sylvain Watbled halted Mikan Popovic in round two, light heavies.

▲ **GRENOBLE**—Franck Lussi outscored veteran Guy Caudron, feathers. Paul Tchoue outpointed Maurice Bufi. Tchoue, a middleweight, is now 12-0.

▲ **FUMEL**—1981 French amateur champion Said Skuoma halted Wa Loumani in the fourth for his sixth win in the pro ranks.

▲ **LE MANS**—Didier Kowalski retained his French lightweight title by knocking out Jimmy Kante in round seven.

▲ **TOULOUSE**—Richard Rodriguez outscored Aldo Curti, junior middles.

▲ **ST. NAZAIRE**—Germain LeMaired outscored Dennis Price.

ITALY

▲ **VIESTA**—Patrizio Oliva, the Italian junior welter champ, outpointed Samuel Scrunjogi, a locally based Spaniard, eight.

▲ **CARPOBELLO DI MAZARA**—Giuseppe Fossati retained his European bantamweight title by outpointing John Feeney, Great Britain, 12.
(06-30-82)

NORWAY

▲ **HANKOO**—Steffen Tangstad, an American-based Norwegian, kayoed German Jurgen Gries in the second.

Dennis Pryce, Great Britain, outscored Esperno Postl, Austria, six. Postl was a sub for Omar Karadenis.

Former amateur star Tarmo Uusivirta, Finland, made his pro debut by outpointing Mick MOrris, Great Britain, six.

John Muwanga, Uganda, TKO'd Lloyd Christie, Great Britain, in six.

Deano Wallace, Great Britain, TKO'd Enzio Grubiza, Yugoslavia, in four, middles.
(06-25-82)

SPAIN

▲ **CLERMONT-FERRAND**—Former European junior middleweight champion Jose Hernandez and Frenchman Georges Warusfel drew.

▲ **BARCELONA**—European junior welterweight champion Antonio Guinaldo outscored Dum Dum Pacheco, welters. Pedro (Nino) Jimenez outscored Tanio II. Jimenez was European featherweight champ in 1977.

▲ **VIGO**—Carlos Miguel Rodriguez retained his Spanish featherweight crown by outpointing Ramon Marichal.

JACK A. TREE

UNITED KINGDOM

▲ **LONDON—Bloomsbury Centre**—Keith Wallace, 114½, stopped Dutch bantam champion Roy Somer, 117, in the second, the referee intervening after Somer had been decked by a left hook. Wallace is still undefeated.

Colin Power, 142½, Paddington, the former British champ, kayoed Arthur Davis, 154, Orpington, in round three.

Gary Knight, 141½, West Ham, outpointed Rocky Kelly, 143½, eight. The scoreline was 79-78, and nobbins of over 100 pounds (considerable for a commercial show) followed.

Keith Bristol, 175½, Clapham, outpointed Tommy Kiely, 196, Brighton, eight. Scoreline: 79½-79.

Alan Tombs, 128, stopped Dave Laxen, 127½, on cuts in the eighth and final round.

Clyde Ruan, Slough, halted Jimmy Duncan 125, in the fourth round on a cut near the left optic. Duncan had been undefeated.

Andy MacDonald, 174, made his pro debut by stopping Joe Jackson, 166, Coventry, near the end of round four.
(06-07-82)

▲ **SWANSEA—Top Rank**—Billy Waith, 145½, Cardiff, won the vacant Welsh welter crown by outpointing Frank McCord, 144½, Swansea, 10. Scoreline: 99-97.

Eddie Vierling, 176, Southampton, and Steve Babbs, 177, drew, eight. Vierling had been inactive for 18 months.

Sub Andy Thomas, 132, Swansea, outscored Tyrrell Wilson, 138, Newport, eight. Scoreline: 79-78.

John McGlynn, 150, Swansea, made his pro debut by knocking out fellow debutant Colin Neagle, Merthyr, in round three with a left to the chin.

Valentino (Vito) Macaranelli, 150, Swansea, outpointed Jimmy Ward, 150½, Southampton, six, by a narrow 59-58½. Ward was down in the first round.
(06-07-82)

▲ **LONDON—Anglo-American Sporting Club**—Winston Spencer, 137, Peckham, the Southern Area lightweight champ, outpointed Peter Eubanks, 134¼, Brighton, eight. The scoreline was a narrow 79-78½, a little flattering to the loser.

Gunther Roomes, 142½, Elton, stopped Mike Clemow, also 142½, the referee intervening in the second round after Clemow had been down from a right to the head.

Bert Myrie, 152, Wolverhampton, climbed off the canvas in the first round to outpoint Graham Brockway, 151¼, Pembroke, over six by a narrow 59-58½.
(06-07-82)

▲ **SHEFFIELD—Free Trade Hall**—Sub Glen Crump, Sheffield, stopped Paul Costigan, 150, Manchester, in round seven, the ref stepping in with Costigan cut by the left eye. Paul, who'd also been knocked through the ropes by a right to the jaw, had been on an unbeaten run.

Kevin Pritchard, 137, Liverpool, outpointed Rocky Mensah, 136, Bradford, eight. Scoreline: 79½-77½. Mensah was knocked down three times.

Jonjo Green, 177, Warrington, outpointed Joe Frater, 175, six. Scoreline: 59½-59.

Carl Gaynor, 128, Manchester, outscored Kevin Hay, 127, Grimsby, over six by 59½-58½. Hay was down in round three from a right to the jaw. Good scrap.

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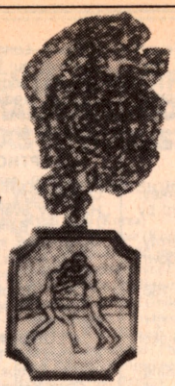

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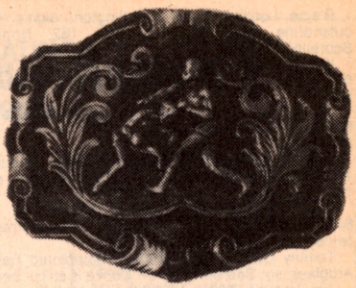

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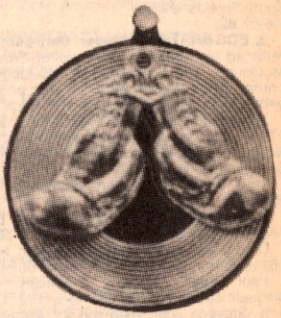

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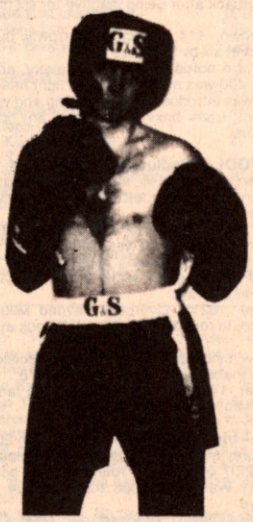

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Blaine Longsden, 162, Wallington, didn't lose a round outscoring Joey Saunders, also 162, Nottingham, six. Scoreline: 60-58.

Wayne Crolla, 147, Manchester, also didn't lose a round in his points victory over Phil O'Hare, Manchester, six. Scoreline: 60-58.

Mick Dono, 138, Liverpool, outscored Vince Varthey, Sheffield, four. Scoreline: 39½-39.
(06-07-82)

▲ **GLASGOW—Morleys Nite Spot**—Charlie Malarkey, 150½, outscored Mick Mills, 151½, Islington, over eight by 79½-77.

Brian Hyslop, 129, Glasgow, outpointed Ian Murray, Birmingham, eight. Scoreline: 79½-77. Murray was down twice.

Tommy Cooke, 139, Larkhall, outpointed Ray Ross, 138, Ardglass, six. Scoreline: 60-57. Cooke is still unbeaten.

Jim Harvey, 122½, Glasgow, halted Stuart Nickol, 121, Cambuslang. The bout was stopped in round two with Nickol under pressure.

Charlie Douglas 150¼, Larkhall, outscored Dave King, South Shields, six.
(06-07-82)

▲ **EDGBASTON—Tower Ballroom**—Joey Mack, 145½, retained his Midlands Area welter crown by stopping Martin McGough, 146½, Coventry. McGough was retired by his corner at the end of round six with an injured left hand. He'd been dropped to one knee by a left hook in the sixth.

Midlands Area light heavyweight champion Antonio Harris, 176¾, avenged a previous defeat by comfortably outpointing Northern Ireland title holder Liam Coleman, 176½, 10. Scoreline: 99½-96½.

Tony Willis, 142, Liverpool, halted Peter Bennett, 146½, Sheffield, in the third round.

Kostas Petrou, 144½, Birmingham, outpointed Ian Murray, 148, Birmingham, six. Scoreline: 59½-58.

Dino Wallace, 164, Wolverhampton, outscored Willie Wright, 167½, Birmingham, six. Scoreline: 60-58.

Paul Shell, 172½, Chelmsley Wood, won by a disqualification over Al Stevens, 180, Quinton, at 0:30 of the first. Stevens was ruled out for alleged careless use of the head.
(06-07-82)

▲ **SOUTHEND—Twentieth Century Sporting Club**—John Joseph, 165½, Hayes, stopped Steve Jarman, 163, the referee intervening in the second frame after Jarman had been down twice.

Tony Brown, 117½, Islington, outpointed Billy Hough, 115, Wales, six. Scoreline: 59-58½.

Delroy Pearce, 140½, Tottenham, outpointed Shaun Campbell, 142½, Hayes, six. Scoreline: 59½-58½.

Shaun Shinkwin, 122, Boreham Wood, didn't lose a round outpointing sub Eugene Maloney, 126, four. Scoreline: 40-38½.
(06-08-82)

▲ **BRISTOL—Locarno Hall**—Eddie Neilson, 212¼, Swindon, stopped Denton Ruddock, 203, in the fourth round.

Chris Sanigar, 142, halted Midlands Area lightweight champion Paul Chance, 143¼, Wednesbury, in the eighth and final round. Chance had been down in round two.

Peter Neal, Swindon, narrowly outpointed Tony Britton, Lewisham, eight. Scoreline: 79½-79.

Nick Wilshire, 156, Bristol, halted George Walker, 155½, Tottenham, in round four. The bout was stopped after the latter had been down twice.

It's a little unusual for a boxer to come down in weight, but former light heavyweight Nick Jenkins, Bristol, did well in his middleweight debut by stopping Phil Williams, Plymouth, in round two.

Aneurin Williams, Gilwen, outpointed Derek McKenzie, Guyana, six.
(06-09-82)

▲ **LONDON—World Sporting Club**—Barry McGuigan, 126½, Clones, kayoed Nigerian and West African bantamweight champion Young Ali, 125, in round six. A right hand was the knockout punch.

Ali was knocked cold, and it was a few minutes before he could be lifted up and taken to his corner. He eventually left the ring, but took only a few steps when he collapsed and was attended to by two ringside doctors from the British Boxing Board of Control. Ali was taken to a hospital, and placed under a life support machine.

A sad ending to a fine contest, and it's hoped that Ali will not suffer any permanent damage.

Hugh Russell, 119½, Belfast, outpointed Stuart Shaw, 124, Nottingham, eight. Scoreline: 79½-77.

Joe Allotey, 161, Liverpool, outscored Mike Courtney, 159¾, six. Scoreline: 59-57½. Courtney was decked in round three.

Eddie Morgan, 129, Corby, outpointed Shaun Shinkwin, 128, Boreham Wood, six. Scoreline: 59½-58½. A crowd pleaser.
(06-14-82)

▲ **HULL**—Joe Frater, 174, Grimsby, outpointed Geoff Rhymer, also 174, Hull, over eight by 79-78.

Garry Petty, 152, Hull, outscored Peter Stockdale, Grimsby, over six by 60-58½.

Stuart Carmichael, 123, Hull, made his pro debut by outpointing Gordon Haigh, 121, Hull, over six by 59½-59.

Eddie Cooper, 188, Bradford, knocked John Fallon, 196, Hull, down with a right hand and stopped him at 0:34 of the first round.

Mike Bromby, 134, Hull, outpointed Billy Laidman, 136, Bradford, over six by 60-57.
(06-21-82)

▲ **LIVERPOOL—Liver Sporting Club**—Kevin Pritchard, 135, Liverpool, kayoed Lee Halford, 136, Leicester, in the second round with a right to the chin after previously flooring him.

Tony Brown, 142, Bootle, kayoed Errol Dennis, 145, Wolverhampton, in round three with a right to the jaw.

Blane Longsden, 155, Warrington, stayed unbeaten by knocking out Bert Myrie, 153, Wolverhampton, in round three with a left hook.

Ian Chandler, 149, St. Helens, made his pro debut by stopping Elvis Morton, also 149, Leicester, in the third. Morton had been down three times.
(06-21-82)

▲ **COPTHORNE—Effingham Park**—Jimmy Cable, 152, Orpington, won the Southern Area light middleweight title by convincingly outpointing champion Chris Christian, 150, Hackney, over 10 by 99-97.

Devon Bailey, 177, Battersea, halted Jerry Golden, 178, Manchester, in round three.

Paul Walsh, 154, Carshalton, outpointed Vince Stewart, 151, over six by 60-58.

Gary Brooks, 145, Stoke Newington, outscored Mark Crouch, Cranleigh, over six by 59½-58.
(06-21-82)

▲ **LONDON—Hornsey Town Hall**—Keith Wallace, 116, stopped Alan Tombs, 124½, in round four, the referee stepping in after Tombs had been knocked down. Keith is still unbeaten.

Gary Knight, 143, West Ham, decked Robert Armstrong, 149, Doncaster, thrice and stopped him in round seven. A nice 22nd birthday present for Gary.

Steve Gee, 210, Birmingham, stopped Tommy Kiely, 202, Brighton, the contest being halted in round seven after Kiely had been down.

Danny Garrison, 146, Wolverhampton, defeated Alan Power, 144, Paddington, who was retired by his corner at the end of round three after being floored three times. This was Power's first defeat.

Martin Patrick, 147½, Tottenham, made his pro debut by outpointing Neville Wilson, Wolverhampton, over six by 59-58.

Andrew McDonald, 173½, Hertford, outscored Winston Burnett, 168, Cardiff, over six by 60-57½.
(06-22-82)

▲ **KIRKBY—Sports Centre**—Robbie Robinson, 134½, Liverpool, outpointed Willie Booth, 134¾, Airdrie, over 10 by 99-97 in an eliminator for the British lightweight title. Robinson will now meet Lance Williams in a final eliminator.

Dave Douglas, 148½, Glasgow, halted Joey Frost, 147, Liverpool, on a cut under the right optic in round four. The cut was caused by a clash of heads, in which Douglas, too, was cut. Frost was decked in round three by a right hand to the chin. The clash of heads also came in the third session. This was Frost's first loss.

Tony Sinnott, 141¼, Speke, kayoed Barry Winters, 142, Glasgow, with a right to the jaw in round three. Sinnott had been inactive for seven months.

Sammy Brennan, 161, Kirkby, halted Terry Matthews, 163, Swansea, at the end of round five via a cut by the right eye. Brennan was leading at the time.

Charlie Douglas, 150, Glasgow, outscored Phil O'Hare, 149, Manchester, by 59-58 over six.
(06-24-82)

▲ **BADFORD—Yorkshire Executive Sporting Club**—Locally based Rocky Mensah, 137¼, Ghana, confirmed a previous win by outpointing J.J. Barrett, 136½, Liverpool, over eight by 79½-77½.

John Farrell, 120, Liverpool, stopped Jim Harvey, 118¾, Glasgow, in round three after the latter had been floored by a right to the jaw as he came in.

Peter Gabitus, 129, Doncaster, outscored Ian Murray, 128½, Manchester, over six by 60-57½. Gabitus recently began a comeback after being inactive for six months due to a broken leg.

Charlie Brown, 114, Glasgow, narrowly outpointed Chip O'Neil, 112, over six by 59-58½.

Fight fans are noted for their generosity, and a collection amounting to 400 was made for Leeds light heavyweight Nigel Savory, who was introduced from the ring and who announced his retirement from boxing following an operation for a detached retina.
(06-28-82)

▲ **LIVERPOOL—Stadium**—Central Area light welter champion Alan Lamb, 141½, kayoed Young Patsy Quinn, also 141½, in round four with a left hook to the body after decking him for seven.

Ray Hood, 137½, Liverpool, outpointed Scot Tommy Cook, 134, over eight by 79-77½. It was Tommy's first defeat.

Judas Clottey, 146½, Ghana, outscored P.J. Davitt, 147¾, Dublin, by 79-78 over eight. Many thought Davitt should have received at least a draw.

Joe Allottey, 162½, Liverpool, kayoed Mike Burton, also 162½, London, in round three with a left hook after putting him down twice.

Stuart Shaw, Leicester, won a disputed decision over Hector Clottey, 122, Ghana, eight. Scoreline: 78½-78.

Ian Chantler, 148, St. Helens, outpointed Ian (Kid) Murray, 142, Birmingham, over six by 60-57½.
(06-30-82)

▲ **LEEDS—Irish Centre**—Stewart Lithgo, 203, Hartlepool, confirmed a previous win by stopping Neil Malpass, 216, South Elmshall, at 2:07 of the third round in their scheduled eight. Referee Harry Warner stopped the bout due to a cut near Neil's right eye.

Paddy Finn, Dublin, knocked out Noel Quarless, 212, Liverpool, in 0:55 of round two with a right cross to the jaw.

Hoey Johnson, 164, Birmingham, outscored Leo Mulhearn, also 164, by 59½-58½ over six. Mickey Vann, referee.

Tony Brown, 142, Liverpool, outpointed Danny Garrison by 59½-59 in the excellent six-round opener. Mickey Vann, referee.
(07- -82)

▲ **NEWMARKET—Cabaret Club**—Devon Bailey, 180, Battersea, came into contention for a British light heavyweight title shot by knocking out Ben Lawlor, also 180, Kilkenny, in round five with a right hand. The bell rang at six, but the count continued, and Lawlor was "out" at 3:04. He'd also been decked in the previous round.

Keith James, 164, Norwich, outpointed Willie Wright, 167½, Birmingham, eight. Scoreline: 78½-78.

Ian (Kid) Murray, 155, Birmingham, and Paul Welsh, 156, Carshalton, drew, six.

Alan Ash, 173½, Carshalton, made his pro debut by outpointing Chris Thorne, 180, Norwich, over six by 59½-58½.
(07-07-82)

RON OLVER

JAPAN

▲ **TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Hikaru Tomonari, the WBA's fifth ranked junior lightweight at 130, engaged in his first showing since his TKO loss to Samuel Serrano in San Juan last December. Tomonari overcame the losing pace, dropped Kenyan import Isaiah (Yonekura) Ikhoni, 129½, twice and gained a unanimous decision in 10. Scoring: referee Hiroyuki Tezaki and Ken Morita both 97-94, and judge Masakazu Uchida 98-94. Tomonari, an elongated 26-year-old, bettered his log to 20-5-1 with ten knockouts. Ikhoni, 24, fell to 4-1 with four kayoes. In the semi, JBC's top featherweight contender Eijiro Kuruma, 128, lost a unanimous nod (98-95, 99-96 and 100-96) to clever counterpuncher Toshiyuki Tanaka, 127½, in 10.

Preliminaries: Kozo Fukutani, 146½, stopped Masanori Omori, 146¼, at 1:36 of the third session in a scheduled eight. Masayoshi Kashiwakura, 126, TKO'd Michio Saski, also 126, at 1:07 into the sixth and final round.

Four rounders: Hiroaki Imazu, 116½, finished Takehiko Igarashi, 118, at 1:50 of the opening session. Sadaya Suginaka, 127¼, outpointed Nobuyoshi Suzuki, also 127¼, in the opener.

Yonekura Promotions. TV Asahi.

Attendance—1,800.
(06-01-82)

▲ **TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Koji Kobayashi, the WBC's eighth ranked junior bantamweight at 115¾, TKO'd Chong-Chul Park, Korean flyweight boss at 115½, at the end of the fifth round of a scheduled 10. The taller lefty Kobayashi's reach prevented Park from getting inside of the Japanese. Kobayashi upped his log to 17-1-2 with 12 kayoes. Park is 12-3-3 with two KOs. Referee was Takeshi Shimakawa. In the semi, Ryutaro Otsuki, 140, outscored Seitaro Chinen, also 140, in 10 unanimous rounds.

Preliminaries: Yoshinari Tanaka, 130¾, ran his unbeaten record to 8-0 (with three kayoes) by copping a hairline nod (all 58-57) from Fighter Matsukawa, 132¼, in six.

Four rounders: Sensational six-foot Nobuyuki Tabata, 137¾, registered his fourth kayo in as many probouts, stopping Shin Miyamoto, 139¾, at 1:51 in the opening session. Lefty Shigemichi Wakatsuke, 125¾, shutout-decisioned Hiromichi Aomatsu, 125. Hiroyuki Nakao, 117½, flattened Yonemaro Osada, 118, at 2:38 of the first round. Masakatsu Sakuma, 114¼, decisioned Sumiki Tokutome, 115. Tadashi Kuramochi, 106¾, outpointed Toshio Oki, 108. Teruyuki Shimada, 121¼, embalmed Kazutoshi Yoshida, also 121¼, in 1:46 of the first round. Keiji Sato, 110¼, decisioned Yoshiya Serizawa, 111¼, in the opener.

Kadoebi Promotions. Nippon TV.

Attendance—2,400.
(06-04-82)

▲ **MATSUDO—Matsudo City Park Gymnasium**—The JBC's fourth ranked bantam Mitsuo Imazato, 117½, outpointed Masayuki Kirksaki, 117¾, in 10. In the semi, Ryo Asuka, 138½, won from Nobuyuki Chisaka, also 138½, in 10.

Preliminaries: Naojiro Toda, 112, stopped Manabu Irei, also 112, at 1:15 of the seventh round in a scheduled eight.

Four rounders: Yukinori Onishi, 112, decisioned Makoto Kano, also 112. Akira Yabuuchi, 123½, drew with Hideyuki Hidaka, 123. Ikuo Watanabe, 107¾, outpointed Kazutaka Ito, 108. Shigeo Matsumoto, 107¾, halted Hirofumi Hiramoto, 106¼, in the opener.

Promoted by Matsudo Hiranuma Club. No telecast.

Attendance—1,500. (06-05-82)

▲ **SHIZUOKA—Shizuoka Industrial Arena**—Junior flyweight Yoshito Toriumi, 109½, halted Ryuji Ichinomiya, 108¾, at 2:47 of the third round of a scheduled 10.

Preliminaries: Young Hideo, 128½, stopped Shunzo Kaneku, 129¾, with a second remaining in the opening session in a scheduled eight. Four rounders: Eiichi Yotsuba, 140, decisioned Kiyotaka Ono, 135¾.

Hiraishi Promotions. No telecast.

Attendance—700.
(06-05-82)

▲ **TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Imported from Mexico, German (Kyoei) Torres, 106¾, wasn't sharp in the first half, but showed his power punching and flattened Katsumi Sato, 107, at 2:45 of the sixth session of a 10. Torres, the WBC's number three junior flyweight, was traded by Mac Kanehira and is staying in Tokyo. He improved his log to 34-5-1 with 29 kayoes. Sato is 9-10-4 with two kayoes.

In the semi-final ten, awkward swinger Hayao Shiba, 137, threw roundhouse hooks and stopped Tadao Ishido, 136, at 3:08 of the fourth canto.

Preliminaries: Unbeaten Takefumi Taiho, this year's Novice King tourney winner at 109¾, barely eked out a hairline deci-

sion from Hirokazu Uchida, 109¾, six.

Hiroyasu Kato, 110½, stopped Norio Ichimura, 108, at 1:18 of the fourth round of a scheduled six. Four rounders: Fumio Ozaki, 122, decisioned Tadashi Hatakeyama, 121½. Yoichi Shirakawa, 117, outscored Kazuaki Hami, 117½, in the opened.

Kyoei Promotions. TBS TV.

Attendance—1,500

(06-07-82)

▲ HAMAMATSU—Hamamatsu City Gymnasium—Sanji Ito, the JBC's sixth ranked junior featherweight at 122, stopped shorter bull fighter Kazumi Sato, also 122, forty-seven seconds into the sixth round of a scheduled ten.

Four rounders: Hiroyuki Aikata, 111¼, halted Hisakatsu Yoshimoto, 110, at 1:43 of the third round. Kenjiro Kawai, 132, drew with Kazushi Maehara, 131¾. Kenji Azuma, 117¼, needed only 2:29 to demolish Takashi Yokoseki, 118. Keishi Fujimura, 119¼, decisioned Kiyoto Matsushima, 119¼. Tatsuya Noritake, 134¼, stopped Hideki Saito, 133, at 1:47 of the first round. Masahiro Asai, 122, drew with Toshio Maekawa, 122. Seeichi Sugiura, 118, decisioned Sachio Hamamura, 117½, in the opener.

Promoted by Saien Boxing Club. No telecast.

Attendance—2,000.

(06-12-82)

▲ TOKYO—Korakuen Hall—Japanese junior featherweight champion Hiroyuki Iwamoto, 122, kept his title by taking a majority decision from Kenichi Ito, also 122, in 10. Scoring: referee Masakazu Uchida and Hiroyuki Tezaki both 99-97, and Shoichi Kanaya 99-99. Iwamoto utilized his rhythmical bobbing and prevented Ito from scoring his vaunted rights. In the semi-final ten, lefty Keiji Kawamura, 122, battered Joe Hayato, another southpaw at 122, onesidely and halted him at 2:10 of the eighth round.

Preliminaries: Masakazu Tanioka, 135, TKO'd Yutaka Wakagi, 131¾, at 1:24 of the third round. Yasushi Ogawa, 126, took only 0:85 to finish Hitoshi Ito, 125. Kenji Nemoto, 114½, decisioned Kenichi Wakoo, also 114½. Lefty Manabu Honma, 112, stopped Masahiro Sasano, 111¾, at 1:20 of the first round. Hiroshi Sakurada, 118, was kayoed by Yoshihide Fujimoto, also 118, in 2:43 of the first round in the opener.

Yonekura Promotions. TV Asashi.

Attendance—1,200.

(06-15-82)

▲ SAPPORO—Nakajima Sports Center—Elongated junior lightweight champion of Japan, Yoshimitsu Azato, 130, dropped game challenger Yasuhide Takahashi, 129¼, and gained a unanimous decision in 10.

(Undercard to be reported in the next month.)

(06-15-82)

▲ KASHIMA—Kashima City Green Park Gymnasium—Naoki Kobayashi, 122¾, TKO'd glass-jawed veteran Hideharu Mitsui, also 122¾, at 2:04 of the third round in a scheduled 10. In a supporting 10, Makoto Taguchi, 118, TKO'd Hiroaki Kato, 117¼, at 1:10 of the tenth and final session.

(Undercard to be reported next month)

(06-29-82)

▲ TOKYO—Korakuen Hall—Former WBC flyweight champ Shoji Oguma, 117, squared off against ex-Japanese junior bantam boss Jackal Maruyama, also 117, and took a unanimous decision in 10.

Scoring: referee Ken Morita 98-96, judges Masakazu Uchida and Shoji Nakamori 99-96 and 99-95 respectively, all for the 31-year-old veteran. Oguma is likely to face Korean Chul-Ho Kim for the latter's WBC super flyweight crown this fall.

Oguma bettered his log to 38-9-1 with 20 kayoes. Maruyama fell to 18-8-2 including 10 knockouts.

In the semi, Japanese flyweight champ Masaru Fuji, 112, failed to retain his newly acquired title, as he lost a majority decision to Kazuyoshi Funaki, 112, in 10. Scoring: Judges Ken Morita and Shoji Nakamori both 99-96 for Funaki, and referee Yusaku Yoshida 98-98. Funaki is 12-13-2 with five kayoes. Fuji is 18-17-2 including five KOs. This was the Japanese title bout by the worst record holders. In the first 10, Cheyenne Yamamoto, 135, kayoed left hooker Hiroshi Osumi, also 135, at 2:03 of the sixth round.

Preliminaries: By far taller Junichi Misawa, 130, unanimously decisioned Hideki Ishida, 129½. Kiyotaka Takahashi, 143½, stopped Minoru Sato, 146½, at 2:14, one. Hiroaki Imazu, 116¼, outscored lefty Koji Nishikawa, 114¾. Southpaw Takeshi Suzuki, 117½, demolished Shinichiro Ueda, 117¼, in 1:01 of the second round. Shunji Mitsui, 107¾, stopped Seiji Sato, 107¼, at 1:10 of the second round in the opener.

Shin-Nippon Kimura Promotions. Fuji TV.

Attendance—2,500.

(06-24-82)

▲ OSAKA—Osaka Prefectural Gymnasium—Japanese welterweight champion Junya Kushikino, 146½, impressively stopped Mugen (Shigeru) Kawasaka, 141½, at 2:51 of the fourth round to retain his title. Kushikino dropped the younger challenger with his specialty, solid one-twos, in the third and fourth rounds. Referee Ryoji Kashiwagi wisely called a halt. Kushikino is 18-13 with 13 kayoes. Mugen fell to 7-2 with six knockouts.

In the semi, Lord Mitsuru, 112, demolished seasoned veteran Phoenix Taniguchi, 109¼, in 2:55 of the seventh round in a scheduled 10.

Preliminaries: Seiichi Hijiri, 118, stopped Ryoji Fukumoto, 117¾, at 1:42 of the second round in a scheduled six.

Four rounders: Lefty Makoto Tatsumi, 107, decisioned Toshiyasu Kozuma, 101½. Tomikazu Kinjo, 125½, decisioned Hitoshi Iwamoto, 126. Koichi Satojima, 121½, drew Michio Kawakami, 120. Masando Takada, 113½, drew Tomoharu Ogawa, 134, in the opener.

Co-promoted by Shinko and Kazama Boxing Clubs. No telecast.

Attendance—3,500.

(06-29-82)

▲ OSAKA—Sakuranomiya Skating rink—Kazushi Hara, 128, decisioned Junji Shimada, 126½, six. Four rounders: Hideo Iwamoto, 143, drew Takanobu Suzuki, 142½. Takuya Tsuji, 113, decisioned Mitsuo Nagaiwa, 114¾. Akio Asaura, 106¾, outpointed lefty Akihisa Ogawa, 106¼. Toshifumi Aoki, 116½, stopped Kaysunori Wataguchi, 117¼, in 2:42 of the first round. Akio Yamashita, 121, was also a first-round kayo winner from Tatsuya Matsui, 120½, at 1:24. Hideyuki Komatsu, 121, decisioned Masayoshi Matsuura, 121¾. Hiroshi Yamashiro, 130, decisioned Iwao Nishikawa, 113½. Masayuki Hanada, 113½, lost to Hiroshi Tsutsumi, 114½. Nobuyuki Shimada, 110, stopped Kenji Matsubara, 112, at 1:04 of the third round in the opener.

Zenji Tanizaki, promoter. No telecast. Attendance—700.

(06-17-82)

JOE Y. KOIZUMI

KOREA

▲ POHANG—Pohang Central National School Ground—Oh-Hyung Lee, 126, became the new Korean featherweight champion, as he polished off Yung-Shik Kim, 125½, in 1:25 of the opening session in a scheduled ten. The hard-hitting Lee is 8-1-1 with eight kayoes. Kim fell to 13-2 including 10 kayoes.

Preliminaries: Sang-Myun Choi, 124¼, decisioned Chong-Ul Song, 123¾, in eight.

Six rounders: Dong-Chun Lee, 115½, outpointed Yun-Ho Park, 113½. Han-Joung Kim, 126½, stopped Young-Jae Cho, 123, at 2:55 of the third round. Sung-Kap Choi, 160¾, and Yung-Soo Chung, 159, fought to a technical draw at the end of the second round. Shin-Hyun Cho, 119¾, won from Jung-Wo Chun, 119½, on disqualification at the end of the fourth session.

Four rounder: Ki-Sung An, 124¾, outpointed Ho-Kang Kim, 124¾, in the opener.

Daesan Promotions.

▲ CHUNCHON—Chunchon Gymnasium—Unbeaten junior middleweight hope Kyung-Min Han, 158¼, ran his impressive record to 6-0 with as many knockouts by stopping ex-Japanese champ Yohi Arai, 156½, at 2:18 of the third round in a scheduled 10.

In the semi, Chong-Ho Kim, 150¼, became the new Korean junior middleweight titlist, as he demolished Byung-In Chang, 154, at 0:24 of the fourth canto. Kim is 29-9-5 with 20 kayoes. Chang fell to 4-7 including four knockouts.

Preliminaries: Min-Soo Lee, 143¼, finished Bong-Hi Lee, 131¾, at 0:29 into the third round. Young-Kil Choi, 116¾, and Young-Hwan Kim, 117½, fought to a technical draw in the fourth round. Lightweight Dong-Aun Shin, 134½, stopped Man-Taek Lim, 134¼, at 0:43 into the second round. Kum-Sub Han, 109¾, decisioned Byung-Hwa Chung, 110, in four.

Ilhwa Promotions. (06-05-82)

ORIENTAL & PACIFIC RATINGS
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HEAVYWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Tony Mundine (Australia)
2. Maile Haumona (Australia)
3. Fatai Namoa (Australia)
4. Reno Zurick (Australia)
5. Errol Simpson (Australia)

CRUISERWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Steve Aczel (Australia)
2. Sam N'Gata (Australia)
3. Danny Carez (Australia)
4. Rod Christian (Australia)
5. Terry Neason (Australia)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Soo-Hang Lee (Korea)
1. Ken Eldrige (Australia)
2. Graham Murray (Australia)
3. Byung-Rae Yuh (Korea)
4. Kevin Wagstaff (Australia)
5. Son-Kap Choi (Korea)
6. Clint Brown (Australia)
7. Alan Black (Australia)
8. Peter Hewitt (Australia)
9. Tsusuki Toshiyaki (Japan)
10. Ricky Patterson (Australia)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Chong-Pal Park (Korea)
1. Kenji Shibata (Japan)
2. Steve Dennis (Australia)
3. Keitoku Senriba (Japan)
4. Chang-Il Lim (Korea)
5. Chang-Hwan Noh (Korea)
6. Suwarno (Indonesia)
7. Kenji Miyata (Japan)
8. Yoshio Shinbory (Japan)
9. Kyung-Soon Kim (Korea)
10. Kazuhiko Yasuda (Japan)

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
In-Chul Baek (Korea)
1. Kyung-Min Nah (Korea)
2. Katsuhiro Sawada (Japan)
3. Ken Salisbury (Australia)
4. Chong-Ho Kim (Korea)
5. Billy Johnstone (Australia)
6. Seung-Soo Lee (Korea)
7. Alex Temelkov (Australia)
8. Michihiro Horihata (Japan)
9. Kyung-Soon Kim (Korea)
10. Kazuhiko Yasuda (Japan)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Jun-Sok Hwang (Korea)
1. Frank Ropis (Australia)
2. Jyunya Kushikino (Japan)
3. Satanfa S. Pratip (Thailand)
4. Tongta Kiatvayupak (Thailand)
5. Fred Galang (Philippines)
6. Yung-Sop Suh (Korea)
7. Katsuyoshi Kitsumoto (Japan)
8. Kyu-Sang Yuh (Korea)
9. Romi Angeles (Philippines)
10. Brian Janssen (Australia)

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Sang-Hyun Kim (Korea)
1. Kyung-Hwan Chae (Korea)
2. Willie Makitoki (Philippines)
3. Kongrug Vocharenrat (Thailand)
4. Ruben Rabago (Philippines)
5. Mohammed Solikin (Indonesia)
6. Thomas Americo (Indonesia)
7. Yong-Dae Kim (Korea)
8. Kanakorn Tapoothai (Thailand)
9. Flash Romeo (Philippines)
10. Ryutaro Otsuki (Japan)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Deuk-Koo Kim (Korea)
1. Narita Jyoken (Japan)
2. Hong-Kyu Lim (Korea)
3. Heung-Suk Yuh (Korea)
4. Kai Song (Indonesia)
5. Kwang-Min Kim (Korea)
6. Juari (Indonesia)
7. Hayao Shiba (Japan)
8. Jenrub Muangsurin (Thailand)
9. Flash Villamer (Philippines)
10. Pil-Koo Lee (Korea)

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Tae-Jin Moon (Korea)
1. Kyung-Soo Hong (Korea)
2. Phadesuk Pisanurachun (Thailand)
3. Rod Sequenan (Philippines)
4. Young-Ho Oh (Korea)
5. Nene Jun (Philippines)
6. Yonekura Ikhoni (Japan)
7. Young-Sae Oh (Korea)
8. Sa-Wang Kim (Korea)
9. Johnny Mangi (Indonesia)
10. Usopnoi Lukakadyotin (Thailand)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Hwan-Kil Yuh (Korea)
1. Nugaprachun Kiatkumchai (Thailand)
2. Divino Inocian (Philippines)
3. Spider Nemoto (Japan)
4. Oh-Yung Lee (Korea)
5. Eddie Camero (Philippines)
6. Min-Keun Oh (Korea)
7. Toshiyuki Tanaka (Japan)
8. Yang Il (Korea)
9. Kid Hassan (Indonesia)
10. Jung-Han Hwang (Korea)

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Soon-Hyun Chung (Korea)
1. Hiroyuki Iwamoto (Japan)
2. Seung-In Suh (Korea)
3. Ric Diamale (Philippines)
4. Jim Bowen (Australia)
5. Monod (Indonesia)
6. Chan-Jung Chun (Korea)
7. Naoki Kobayashi (Japan)
8. Rene Aroy (Philippines)
9. Dejvarin Hollywood (Thailand)
10. Ki-Yung Chung (Korea)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Eijiro Murata (Japan)
1. Hurricane Teru (Japan)
2. Yong-Hwan Oh (Korea)
3. Glenn Walsh (Australia)
4. Isogami Syuchi (Japan)
5. Chong-Soo Lee (Korea)
6. Agus Suyanto (Indonesia)
7. Kwon Chul (Korea)
8. Sakpisamai Chorsiririat (Thailand)
9. Phichitsuk Kor-u-sayarm (Thailand)
10. Arnel Arrozal (Philippines)

JUNIOR BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Soon-Chun Kwon (Korea)
1. Tsutomu Itokazu (Japan)
2. Flash Jagdon (Philippines)
3. Phaktai Osodsapha (Thailand)
4. Ok-Kyun Yuh (Korea)
5. Kaosai Galassy (Thailand)
6. Joe Hiyas (Philippines)
7. Kwang-Sok Lee (Korea)
8. Hiroyuki Seki (Japan)
9. Moningko Palunggan (Indonesia)
10. Jackal Maruyama (Japan)

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Hong-Soo Yang (Korea)
1. Suichi Hozumi (Japan)
2. Wayne Mulholland (Australia)
3. Frank Cedeno (Philippines)
4. Dan Pisalchai (Thailand)
5. Yuri Santos (Philippines)
6. Chong-Chul Park (Korea)
7. Munadi (Indonesia)
8. Petchngam P. Angthong (Thailand)
9. Chan-Soo Chung (Korea)
10. Yuto Kazaki (Japan)

JUNIOR FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Sung-Nam Kim (Korea)
1. Junior Thompson (Australia)
2. Ho-Chul Pyun (Korea)
3. Jun Resma (Philippines)
4. Koki Ishii (Japan)
5. Wonchai Singchatvan (Thailand)
6. Juanito Ablaca (Philippines)
7. Yong-Hyun Kim (Korea)
8. Luk-odd Phitiporn (Thailand)
9. Srithuncha Sithsanae (Thailand)
10. Jusef (Indonesia)

The Oriental & Pacific Boxing Federation does not rank boxers ranked by world boxing organizations.

▲ **SEOUL—Changchung Gymnasium**—Hard-hitting featherweight Min-Keun Oh, 127½, couldn't show his vaunted power only to win a close but unanimous nod from tough Japanese lefty Gen Tosa, 127¾, in 10 dull rounds. Oh is 7-1 with two kayoes, while Tosa, 12-4 with five KOs. In the semi-final, unbeaten junior flyweight Oh-Kong Son, 110¼, decisioned Thai, Pharmeechai Sithpornpan, 110¾, in 10. Son is 9-0.

In the second 10, Hang Park, 132¾, outscored Filipino Nick Caputol, 132¼ pounds. Park is 8-0 with three kayoes. The first 10 saw a new Korean junior bantamweight champ, as Ok-Kyun Yuh, 114¾, scored a knockout of Moon-Kyun Joo, 114¾, at 1:19 of the ninth round. Yuh, formerly an excellent amateur boy, is 7-0 with three kayoes. Joo dropped to 9-2 with five knockouts.

Preliminaries: Hi-Young Kim, 127¾, outpointed Dong-Kap Park, 126¼, in eight. Soo-Duk Sae, 117, stopped Jun-Young Chang, 118¾, forty-nine seconds into the sixth and final round. Nyo-Hwan In, 139, outscored Jae-Hyong Lim, 139¾, in the four-round opener.

Dong-A Promotion.

(06-06-82)

▲ **SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—The OPBF featherweight champion Hwan-Kil Yuh, 125¾, barely kept his crown by taking a majority decision from former titlist Joung-Han Hwang, 125½, in 12. Scoring: 117-115 and 118-116 both for Yuh, and 117-117. Yuh had Hwang take the standing eight count in the fourth round. That gave a slight edge to Yuh in this hairline contest. Yuh upped his log to 18-1-3 with eight kayoes. Hwang fell to 4-2 with three knockouts.

Former OPBF junior flyweight boss Siony Carupo, 114¼, Philippines, outscored Soo-Kon Chang, 110¾, in 10.

Bantie In-Wan Hwang, 116¾, decisioned Yong-Tai Kim, 116¾, 10.

Preliminaries: Jong-Sung Ko, 125¾, won from Sun-Jin Kim, 126½, six. Kun-Young Nam, 140¼, stopped Man-Young Kim, 141, at 1:30 of the first round. Hae-Yul Yang, 115½, outpointed Sang-Muk Lee, 116¾, six. Do-Jun Shin, 113¾, halted Jae-Tai Sa, 113¾, at 0:49 into the third round. Kyung-Yang Kim, 131¾, outscored Sa-Myung Kim, 131½, six.

Four rounder: Jae-Ul Lee, 117¼, lost a decision to Ji-Hong Kim, 118¼, in the opener.

Waryong Promotions.

(06-13-82)

▲ **PUSAN—Kudok Gymnasium**—Hottest sensation in Korea must be In-Chul Baek, the OPBF junior middleweight champion. The 21-year-old Baek, 154, easily retained his crown by stopping ex-Japanese titlist Michihiro Horihata, also 154, at 1:12 of the second round in a scheduled 12. Baek's straight right was a haymaker. Baek improved his perfect log to 19-0 with nineteen knockouts.

Preliminaries: Kyung-Shik Park, 110¼, outpointed Kum-Sub Han, 109¾, eight. Jun-Ho Bae, 129, and Jung-Tai H[illegible]w, 128¾, drew, eight. Four rounders: Jae-Shin Lee, 114¾, outpointed Ki-Man Yuh, also 114¾. Chong-Won Park, 110¼, kayoed Young-Chul Park, 110, at 1:52 of the second round in the opener.

Hanjin Promotions.

(06-13-82)

▲ **SEOUL—Changchung Gymnasium**—Chul K[illegible]on, 120, was befuddled by the fast foot and hand of Filipino Fe[illegible] Jardenil, 119, but caught him with a strong right hand and se[illegible]t him on the deck for the count at 1:58 of the third round in a s[illegible]heduled ten.

Kwon, 20, is a 5'3" infighter, whose record is 14-[illegible] with 10 kayoes. In the semi, Chan-Jung Chun, 125½, stopp[illegible] Myung-Sub Choi, 126, at 2:42 of the 10th and final round.

Preliminaries: Houng-Wo Chin, 121¾, outpointe[illegible]g-Soo Park, 120½, six. Ki-Joung Jin, 114¾, drew Myu[illegible] Kim, 115¾, four. Ho-Kyun Kim, 114, outpointed [illegible] Cho, 113¼, in the four-round opener.

Sangwon Promotions.

(06-17-82)

▲ **SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—Having [illegible] the WBA's second ranked flyweight Andy Balaba in [illegible]ious bout, Hi-Sup Shin, 111¾, TKO'd Ramon Chan, 11[illegible] 1:19 of the seventh round in a scheduled 10.

Sin is 19-1-1 with eight kayoes.

Preliminaries: Dong-Uon Shin, 139, decisioned Yung-Kil Chung, 139½, eight. Baong-Chul Kim, 158¼, stopped Chang-Jun Kim, 159½, at 1:12 of the third round of a sceduled six. Kun-Soo Park, 139¾, halted Myong-Hun Song, 140¼, forty-nine seconds into the fourth canto in a scheduled six.

Four rounder: Jun-Mo Yang, 112, outscored Sung-Jun Park, 112½, in the opener.

Kukdong Promotions.

(06-19-82)

▲ **SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—Having been stopped in a give-and-take brawl by Filipino Rolando Navarrete last January, Chung-Il Choi, 133½, returned to ring warfare and demolished Filipino Fel Salvador, 132¾, at 0:49 of the sixth round. Choi is 14-1 with thirteen kayoes. He is scheduled to meet the current WBC champ Bazooka Limon in Las Vegas in August.

In the semi, ex-Korean champ Soon-Yun Ma, 109¼, outpointed Filipino Jemuel Maguinsay, 111, 10. Ma is 6-2-3 with a kayo.

Preliminaries: Kyu-Sang Yuh, 148¼, drew Wang-Ki Chung, 149¼, eight. Yun-Ho Park, 114¼, outpointed Sae-Young Oh, 113, six.

Four rounders: Kyu-Sang Yuh, 148¼, drew Wang-Ki Chung 149¼, eight. Yun-Ho Park, 114¼, outpointed Sae-Young Oh, 113, six.

Four rounders: Byung-Joo Lee, 129½, drew Un-Kyu Park, 129. Kun-Ho Park, 123¼, won from Young-Hyun Lee, 122¾. Hi-Suk Kim, 108¼, decisioned Dong-Sun Park, also 108¼, in the opener.

Saeki Promotions.

(06-20-82)

▲ **KWANGJOO—Kwangjoo Indoor Gymnasium**—Young-Suk Suh, 148¾, was knocked out by unknown Mexican Cisco Ortega, also 148¾, at 2:59 of the third round in a scheduled 10. In the semi-final 10, the OPBF junior bantamweight champ Soon-Chun Kwon, 115¾, stopped Jimmy Hernandez, a fragile Mexican also at 115¾, 0:12 of the third round.

In the first 10, flyweight Mexican Chanquito Carmona, 112¼, decisioned Chang-Kwan Chung, 114¼ pounds.

Four rounders: Suk-Sung Hwang, 116¾, demolished Sung-Ho Kim, also 116¾, in 2:53 of the third round. Chul-Soo Kim, 114¾, won from Kyung-Hyun Ha, 114¾. Suk-Tae Kim, 110¼, decisioned Joung-Oh Kim, 110¼, in the opener. Kukdong Promotions.

(06-20-82)

▲ **SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—Having been detroned by Jun-Sok Hwang in his previous showing, former OPBF welterweight boss Chung-Jae Hwang, 149¾, engaged in a comeback go with Leonardo (Chino) Bermudez, a Mexican veteran. The WBC's seventh ranked Hwang lost an upset decision to Chino, 149, in 10. Hwang suffered three standing counts—once in the second, and twice in the third round. Hwang's desperate rallies in the last stage couldn't overcome the early points deficits. Hwang fell to 22-2 with nineteen kayoes.

In a supporting 10, Soon-Jung Kang, 113¾, outscored Dong-Chun Lee, 114¾. Kang is 10-2 to 10-3 for Lee.

Preliminaries: Sang-Ton Lee, 125½, stopped Ki-Sung Ahn, 124, at 0:28 of the fifth round in a scheduled six. Joo-Do Chun, 116¾, outpointed Kwang-Shik Choi, 116, six. Chun-Kun Kim, 111, and Yung-Min Park, 111½, drew in the four-round opener.

Kukdong Promotions.

(06-26-82)

▲ **SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—The OPBF welterweight champ, Jun-Sok Hwang, 147, proved too powerful for Filipino Mike de Guzman, 146½, as he dropped him thrice and scored an automatic kayo at 2:15 of the second session in a scheduled 12. Hwang, the WBA's third ranked 147-pounder, is a short but sturdy hooker whose unblemished record is 17-0 with nine knockouts.

In the semi, the OPBF lightweight boss Deuk-Koo Kim, 137¾, survived a second-round knockdown and fought back hard to win a decision from Filipino Nick Caputol, 136¾, in 10. Kim's title wasn't at stake.

Preliminaries: Chi-Kun Song, 159½, stopped Bong-Chul Kim, 158, at 2:58 of th[illegible] sixth round of an eight rounder. Myung-Joo Song, 134¾, ma[illegible]e very short work of Jong-Kil Joung, 135¼, disposing of him [illegible] 2:29 of the opening session of an eight.

Yong-Suk Park[illegible] 109, won from Kum-Sub Han, 108¼, six.

Four rounder[illegible] Ki-Soo Kim (not the first Korean world champ), 114½, [illegible]topped Jung-Wo Park, 114½, in 2:11 of the first round. Jun[illegible] Won Park, 146¼, halted Kwang Song, 146½, at 2:51 of the s[illegible]ond session in the opener.

Dong-A Pro[illegible]ons.

(06-27-82)

▲ **WONJO[illegible] Wonjoo Gymasium**—The OPBF flyweight champ Hong[illegible] Yang, 112, barely kept his throne by taking a split decisi[illegible] Filipino Frank Cedeno, also 112, in 12. Scoring: re[illegible]ng-Wo Lee 118-116 and judge Won-Soo Yuh 118-1[illegible]r Yang, and Filipino judge Valandria 118-116 for Ce[illegible]s quite a dull fight with no knockdowns or hot excha[illegible] shorter lefty Yang got inside of the taller Cedeno in[illegible]ound. Except that, they tried to hit the air continuall[illegible]

Yang is [illegible]th six kayoes. (Undercard to be reported next month)

(06-27-82)

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PHILIPPINES

▲ **CATINGAN, MASBATE**—Junior featherweight Al Llanita, 122, won a unanimous decision from Clem Gonzaga, 123, 10. Bonifacio Kepke, referee. Bantie Fel Jardenil, 118, unanimously decisioned Rene Dubro, 119, 10. There were no preliminary bouts.

Felixberto Jardenil, promoter.

(04-22-82)

▲ **PARANAQUE—Elorde Sports Complex**—Ex-OPBF junior bantam champ William Develos, 121¾, showed his power punching in knocking out Eric Vildozola, 122, in the second round of a scheduled 10. Bantam Joe Hiyas, 119, eked out a split nod from Fel Cabrera, 118, 10.

Laura Elorde (the wife of the great Flash Elorde), promoter.

(05-01-82)

▲ **SOUTH COTABATO**—Junior welter Mar Marin, 140, lost a unanimous duke to Ric Dolotallas, also 140, ten. Ed Norcos, 114, dropped a decision to Robinson Cabusao, 112, ten.

Edurardo Pamani, promoter.

(05-01-82)

▲ **TAYUMAN, METRO MANILA**—Junior welter Danilo Limpahan, 140, scored a unanimous decision over veteran Joe Lim, also 140, in 10. Major Flores, referee. Junior bantie Rito Donayre, 115, won a technical decision from Dommy Pumar, 116, in the fifth canto of a scheduled 10.

Preliminaries: Ron Mollin, 116, TKO'd Jovino Bello, 115, in the fifth round of a scheduled six.

Four rounders: Bernard Pacios, 111, unanimously outpointed William Mohammad Alip, 105. Tony Kid, 118, won from Roberto San Juan, 116. Nilo Hernandez, 122, majority decisioned Bert Hanopol, 126, in the opener.

Alejandro Suansing, promoter.

Nicanor C. Celebrado, GAB's witness.

(05-14-82)

(this card held not on May 4, but on May 14)

▲ **DAVAO CITY**—Filipino junior flyweight champ Jun Resma, 108, TKO'd Lord Esmero, 107, in the seventh of a scheduled 12. Resma retained his crown for the first time.

In the semi-final 10, Siony Carupo, the WBA's tenth ranked junior flyweight, 114½, proved too strong for Jun Garcia, also 114½, stopping him in the fifth canto. Reynaldo Gazmen, promoter. (05-08-82)

▲ **CAUAYAN, ISABELA**—Filipino welter champ Mike de Guzman, 145, was so aggressive that he scored a third round TKO over Fred Pastor, also 145, to retain his national crown in a scheduled 12.

In the semi, Eddie Camero, 130, fought to a technical draw with Albert Saxon, 131, 10. Efren Nazal, promoter.

(05-15-82)

▲ **KAPALONG, DAVAO**—Former junior bantam champ Diego de Villa, 118, was held to a draw by Ali Granada, also 118, 10.

Manuel Villan, promoter.

(05-15-82)

▲ **GEN. SANTOS CITY**—The GAB's top junior flyweight contender Jemuel Maguinsay, 112, earned a majority decision from Wick Tengam, 112, 10. Ernesto Jaudian, promoter.

(05-12-82)

▲ **BUTAN CITY**—Flyweight newcomer Gideon Bacus, 112, won a unanimous nod from Eldie Paradero, 112, 10.

Carlito Balcuit, promoter.

(05-19-82)

▲ **CASTILLEJOS, ZAMBALES**—Former lightweight champ Max Boy Toyogen, 141, eked out a split decision from Young dela Cruz, 142, 10.

Major Flores, referee.

Junior feather Amado Cabato, 123¼, tabbed a TKO win over Jun Maniba, 126, in the eighth of the semi 10.

Preliminaries: Armando Barzuela, 112, decisioned Ernesto Robiso, 112, eight. Jessie Miral, 118, split decisioned Teofilo Gonzales, 118, eight. Aki Caparuso, 118, battled to a majority draw with Roberto San Juan, 117½, in the four round opener.

Grego Carcia, promoter.

Ernesto Malabanan, GAB's witness. (05-19-82)

▲ **TASUM, DAVAO**—Erning Queroben, 126, impressively halted Fiston Coronado, 124, in the fifth round of a 10.

Lorenzo Macuto, promoter.

(05-22-82)

▲ **MAKATI**—Lightie Francis Camatagan, 134, showed his superior ring experience and gained a unanimous nod from Leo Casino, 138, in 10. Larry Nadayag, referee.

Bantie Fel Jardenil, 119, chalked up a TKO victory from Edgar Palasan, 120, in the fourth session of the semi-final 10.

Felixberto Jardenil, promoter.

Ernesto Malabanan, GAB's witness.

(05-22-82)

▲ **PAMPANGA**—Junior feather hope Morris Pastor, 124, won a unanimous nod from Ernie Pinon, 123, 10. Efren Nazal, promoter.

(05-22-82)

▲ **CAG. DE ORO CITY**—Filipino featherweight champ Divino Inocian, 126, gained a unanimous nod from Sandy Noora, 124, in a nontitle 10. In the semi, feather Little Bangoyan, 124, outscored busy campaigner Danilo Inocian, 125, 10.

Agustin Garcia, promoter.

(05-28-82)

▲ **ORONGAPO CITY**—Veteran Arnel Arrozal, 122, pounded out a unanimous nod from Fred Sta. Iglesia, 121, 10.

Efren Nazal, promoter.

(05-28-82)

▲ **TAYUMAN, METRO MANILA**—Hard hitting junior feather Cesar Amazan, 121, registered a TKO win over Rey Arcita, 120, in the eighth round of a 10. Yuri Santos, 112, won a unanimous decision from Rey Arcita, 120, in the eighth round. Paciencia Hitosis, promoter.

(05-28-82)

▲ **ANTIPOLO, RIZAL**—Lightie Rod Sequenan, 133, TKO'd Eddie Cejas, 134, in the fifth round of a scheduled 10.

Grego Garcia, promoter.

(05-29-82)

▲ **DAVAO CITY**—Lightweight puncher Rolando Aldemir, 136, stopped Jimmy Bascon, 135, in the fifth round of a scheduled 10.

Julian Tan, Jr., promoter.

(05-29-82)

▲ **GUIDULMAN, BOHOL**—Filipino bantamweight champ Bobby Berna, the WBA's ninth ranked junior featherweight at 118, was so impressive as he tabbed a TKO victory over Fel Malatag, also 118, in the fith round of a scheduled 12. It was a good defense for Bobby, the best prospect in the Philippines. Berna is a young, tall and speedy lefthander. Berna was named "Boxer of the Month" by the Games and Amusements Board.

Jesus Abrea, promoter.

(05-29-82)

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THAILAND

▲ **BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Up-and-coming junior bantam Kaosai Galassy, 117, is going to beat all name Orient opponents. Kaosai knocked out Filipino lefty Ali Formentera, 114, in the fifth round of a scheduled 12. In gory proceedings, Kaosai received three cuts, and Formentera a gash at the eyelid.

Nivat L. Suwannavat, promoter.

Attendance—4,000.

(05-24-82)

▲ **BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Satdium**—Kanpetch Sathiragym, the TBC's tenth ranked flyweight at 112, was surprisingly knocked out by unknown lefty Narongrith Kaatpajinda, also 112, in the fifth round of a scheduled six.

(05-27-82)

▲ **BANGKOK—TV Channel 7 Ring**—By an upset decision old soldier Wonchai Singchatvan, 107, became the new Thai junior flyweight champion. The detroned champ was Srithancha Sithsanae, 108, who was beaten unanimously.

(05-30-82)

▲ **BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Having been badly stopped in Korea, Luk-odd Phitiporn, 112, earned a

unanimous nod from Samart Sakadam, also 112, in six.
(05-31-82)

▲ **BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Young and hard hitting lefty Saksamuth Singsam-ang, 111, disposed of neglected Lookpla Patanagym, 115, at 1:12 of the first round in a scheduled six.
(06-01-82)

▲ **BANGKOK**—Junior bantam Nasai Charlermchaigym, 120, scored a fine kayo of Karawek Patanasingh, 118, in the fifth round of a six.
(06-02-82)

▲ **BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—It was an encounter of promising junior flyweight boys. Thongthep Petriraja, 108, eked out a split decision from Pongprai Siripong, 108 and the son of ex-fighter Thai Kingpetch (not the late Pone Kingpetch), six.
(06-04-82)

▲ **BANGKOK—TV Channel 7 Ring**—Thai sources reports Dan Pisalchai, the TBC flyweight champ, passed ten years as the national kingpin. Pisalchai, 120, gained a unanimous decision from Uchradech Singhjomthong, 122, in six.
(06-06-82)

▲ **BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Phichitsuk Kor-usayarm, the TBC's second ranked bantam at 116, kayoed Samingkao Singbankaok, 115, at 2:24 of the first round of a scheduled six.
(06-07-82)

▲ **BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Hard hitting junior feather Pongpan Sor Phayathai, the WBC's tenth ranked contender at 124, amazed the crowd with his quick kayo of Australian Charlie Brown, 122, in 2:37 of the first round in a scheduled 10.

Thaveesakde Phoothong, promoter.
(06-10-82)

▲ **BANGKOK**—Veteran Thaveekoon Chorsuenanan, 124, came off the canvas from a bad knockdown for the count of nine, fought back and stopped Tournthanong Sornphajorn, 122, in the second round of a scheduled six.
(06-13)

▲ **BANGKOK**—The TBc's second ranked junior flyweight Luk-odd Phitiporn, 112, hit the deck twice in round two, losing an upset decision to unknown Kitisak Pronpisanu, 113, in six.
(06-14-82)

▲ **BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Was the TBC's top bantam contender Sakdisamai Chorsirirat so fearful? Originally a fighter named Boonrung Laudayudthaya was scheduled to meet Sakdisamai, but he suddenly disappeared just before the bout. So, his trainer Lert Lertmongkol. 122, was obliged to meet Sakdisamai, 120, and the poor Lert was sent to dreamland at 1:45 of the first round in a six.
(06-15-82)

▲ **BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Flyweight Dumrong Lookjaopraya, 112, stopped Tong Petchkasem, also 112, in the third round of a scheduled six.
(06-16-82)

▲ **BANGKOK**—Lumpinee Stadium—Having decked an important win from hard punching Pongpan Sor Phayathai in his previous bout, Vichit Muangroi-et, the WBA's third ranked junior featherweight at 125, was less sweaty as he too easily disposed of Indonesian Ronny K, 125, in the second round of a scheduled 10.

For fear of Vichit's name (not his actual fists), Ronny was running around in the ring before the trick.

▲ **BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—The TBC's top lightweight contender Downthong Chuvatana, 139, demolished Daolert Sithsaneh, 136, in the third round of a scheduled six. Downthong has been castigated for his reluctance to meet TBC ranked opponents.
(06-24-82)

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BRITISH COMMONWEALTH RATINGS

HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Trevor Berbick (Canada)
1. Neville Meade (England)
2. David Pearce (Wales)
3. Gordon Ferris (Ireland)
4. Billy Aird (England)
5. Ken Lagusta (Canada)
6. Cedric Parson (Canada)
7. Stewart Lithgo (England)
8. Maile Haumona
9. Gordon Racette (Canada)
10. Ricky James (England)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Lotte Mwale (Zambia)
1. Tony Mundine (Australia)
2. Mustapha Wasajja (Uganda)
3. John Odehiamba (Uganda)
4. Chisanda Mutti (Zambia)
5. Bunny Johnson (England)
6. Roddy McDonald (Canada)
7. Alex Sua (New Zealand)
8. Tom Collins (England)
9. Don LaLonde (Canada)
10. Kid Power (Zimbabwe)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Tony Sibson (England)
2. Murray Sutherland (Canada)
3. Roy Gumbs (England)
4. Ralph Hollett (Canada)
5. Steve Dennis (Australia)
6. Wayne Caplette (Canada)
7. Monty Betham (New Zealand)
8. Mark Truck (Canada)
9. Glen McEwan (England)
10. Eddie Burke (Scotland)

LIGHT MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Herol Graham (England)
1. Ayub Kalule (Uganda)
2. Kenny Bristol (Guyana)
3. Mike McCallum (Jamaica)
4. Rocky Mattioli (Australia)
5. Reggie Ford (Guyana)
6. Jimmy Batten (England)
7. Ken Salisbury (Australia)
8. Jimmy Cable (England)
9. Chris Christian (England)
10. Brian Anderson (England)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Colin Jones (Wales)
1. Sakarai Ve
2. Mark Harris (Guyana)
3. Kirkland Laing (England)
4. Mario Cusson (Canada)
5. Frank Ropis (Australia)
6. Josef Nsubuga (Uganda)
7. Dave Sarago (Australia)
8. Lloyd Hibbert (England)
9. Colin Power (England)
10. Baba Sumaila (Ghana)

LIGHT WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Obisia Nwankpa (Nigeria)
1. Lennox Blackmoore (Guyana)
2. Clinton McKenzie (England)
3. Peter Berrigan (Australia)
4. Jeff Malcolm (Australia)
5. Sylvester Mittee (England)
6. Chris Sanigar (England)
7. Mike Parsons (Trinidad)
8. Des Morrison (England)
9. Brian Janssen (Australia)
10. Nick Furlano (Canada)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Barry Michael (Australia)
1. Claude Noel (Trinidad)
2. Langton Tinago (Zimbabwe)
3. Davidson Andeh (Nigeria)
4. Charlie Nash (Ireland)
5. Hogan Jimoh (Nigeria)
6. Ray Cattouse (England)
7. Gaetan Hart (Canada)
8. John Summerhays (Canada)
9. George Feeney (England)
10. Willi Tarika (Fiji)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Azumah Nelson (Nigeria)
1. Pat Cowdell (England)
2. Patrick Ford (Guyana)
3. Eddie Ndukwu (Nigeria)
4. Charm Chiteule (Zambia)
5. Sammy Sims (Wales)
6. Gary Williams (Australia)
7. Brian Roberts (Australia)
8. Jimmy Flint (England)
9. Kabiru Akendele (Nigeria)
10. Terry McKeown (Scotland)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Paul Ferreri (Australia)
1. John Feeney (England)
2. Francis Musankabala (Zambia)
3. Mike Irungu (Kenya)
4. Davy Larmour (Ireland)
5. Stix Macloud (Zimbabwe)
6. Patrick Burns (Australia)
7. Hugh Russell (Ireland)
8. Mark West (England)
9. Peter Jones (Wales)
10. Hector Clottey (Ghana)

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Stephen Muchoki (Kenya)
1. Charlie Magri (England)
2. Wayne Mulholland (Australia)
3. Kelvin Smart (Wales)
4. Dave George (Wales)
5. Steve Bell (Australia)
6. Keith Wallace (England)
7. Glen Walsh (Australia)
8. Kid Sumaila (Ghana)
9. Junior Thompson (Australia)
10. Ian Clyde (Canada)

John Aba (Papua) is the junior lightweight champion. Contenders: Cornelius Boza-Edwards (England), Billy Moeller (Australia), Safiu Okeibadan (Nigeria).

PAN PACIFIC

AUSTRALIA

NEW SOUTH WALES

▲ **AUBURN—RSL Club**—Reg King, 126, retained his NSW State featherweight title with a split decision over Rocky Warren, also 126, 10. Scoring: referee Billy Males, 98-95, Warren; judges Les Gibbons and Don Marks, 97-94 and 98-96, respectively, King. A good fight that drew a $120 shower from the fans.

Bobby Williams, 108, outpointed Noel Ovington, 104, six.

Peter Thompson, 121¼, outscored Roy Hughes, 125¾, six.

Russell Sands, 150, halted Bobby Fuller, 156½, in the third round of a scheduled four.

Jerry Sauha, 114½, stopped Ian Gauld, 119, in the second round of a scheduled three.
(06-11-82)

▲ **MT. PRITCHARD—Community Club**—Dave Edwards, 159½, Queensland, knocked out NSW State middleweight champion Con O'Connor, 162½, in the first round of a scheduled 10. O'Connor was out for several minutes.

Killer Kearney, 145½, outpointed Rodney Brown, 139½, six.

Four-rounders: Steve Dellar, 158½, and Steve Prentice, 158¾, drew. Lou Williams, 137½, outscored Ron Brown, 141½. Edin Tugrul, 132¼, outpointed Rooster Murphy, 131½.
(06-16-82)

▲ **KINGSFORD—South Sydney Junior Leagues Club**—Tommy Woods, 140, outscored Rodney Brown, also 140, in the headline eight. Woods looks promising.

Tony Mark, 160, outscored Colin Carr, 151, five.

Paul Connal, 147, halted Bernie Johnson, 142, in the third round of a scheduled four.

David Garland, 139, and Trevor Redman, 142, drew, four.
(06-22-82)

▲ **WEST WYALONG**—Boxing came here for the first time in many years with Gil McGrath, 160½, outpointing veteran Eric King, 162, in the eight-round main event.

Lindsay Good, 165¼, outscored Trevor Singleton, 173, six.

Wayne Meredith, 169¾, halted Tony Ballard, 169¾, in the second round of a scheduled four.

Mark Simpson, 161, outscored Kim Johnson, 158¾, three.

Bradley Diggins, 144½, halted Brendan Brooks, 156½, in the second round of their scheduled three.
(06-26-82)

▲ **GOSFORD—Central Coast Leagues Club**—Peter Batty, 138½, knocked out Gary Rosen, 140, in the fourth round of a scheduled 10 to win the NSW State junior welterweight crown. Rosen had previously beaten Batty on a split decision, the only defeat suffered by Peter in a total of 17 pro bouts.

Tommy Woods, 140, outscored Paul Connal, 146½, six.

Sparrow Freeman, 130, outpointed Trevor Redman, 143¼, five.

Brett Pevy, 144½, and Rodney Brown, 142¼, drew, five.
(06-30-82)

▲ **ST. MARYS—Band Club**—Ross Eadie, 152, halted NSW welterweight champ Kelly Thompson, 149, in round six of a scheduled 10-round non-title bout. Paul Moore, referee. A brawl started at ringside.

Russell Sands, 150, outpointed Roy Alexander, 156, six.

Eric King, 162, outscored Paul Donnelly, 164, six.

Bill McGaw, 154, stopped Greg Alder, 161, in the second round of a scheduled three.
(07-01-82)

▲ **DAPTO—Leagues Club**—Former Australian amateur welterweight champion Pat Leglise, 141, halted previously unbeaten Rocky Pirrottina, 139, in the fifth round of a scheduled 10-round bout.

Pirrottina was knocked down in rounds two, three, four, and five. He was in no shape to continue after the last knockdown, and referee Paul Moore acknowledged the towel that came floating from his corner. Leglise boxed like a champion all the way. Very cool, he met the aggressive Pirrottina with counters. This was Pat's fourth pro bout and his first 10-rounder. He should be ready for an Australian junior welter title bout after a few more contests. His trainer-manager, Peter Fuller, will not rush him.

The only thing we don't know about Leglise is whether he can take a punch.

Killer Kearney, 142¼, outscored John Siriotis, 145½, six.

Daniel Saylor, 183, outpointed Leo Moore, 198½, six.

Nooky Curyer, 154¼, outscored Bradley Mooney, 155½, four.
(07-02-82)

▲ **SMITHFIELD—RSL Club**—Rocky Warren, 130, won a unanimous (100-95 on all three cards) decision over Disco George, 127¾, 10. A shower of money was thrown in by fans.

Manny Trickilis, 154¼, outpointed Ron Donoghue, 147¾, eight.

Peter Thompson, 125¾, stopped John Stacey, 131¼, in the fifth round of a scheduled six.

Glenn Norman, 148¾, outpointed Steve King, 143¼, four.

Ron Brown, 142¼, stopped Tony Grech, 136¾, in the fourth and final round.
(07-02-82)

▲ **KINGSFORD—South Sydney Junior Leagues Club**—Australian junior middleweight champion Ken Salisbury, 158, outpointed Ross Eadie, 155, in a non-title 10. Eadie was a sub for Jeff Sait. Salisbury won clearly, but Eadie kept him busy, and the crowd gave both men a standing ovation at the finish.

Six-rounders: Clint Brown, 162, outpointed Eric King, 161. Bobby Williams, 112, outscored Noel Ovington, 107. Tommy Woods, 141, outpointed Lou Williams, 138.
(07-06-82)

▲ **BROOKVALE—Manly-Warringah Leagues Club**—Brett Beakin, 161, stopped Tony Mark, also 161, in the eighth and final session. Both were making their debuts as main eventers.

Sparrow Freeman, 130, outpointed Rodney Brown, 141, five.

Tommy Woods, 141, outscored David Garland, also 141, five.

Edin Morris, 165¼, and Dinty Marlow, 152, drew, four.
(07-07-82)

VICTORIA

▲ **GEELONG—Greyhound Race Track**—Great prospect Graeme Brooke, 135, halted Anthony Naidu, 136¼, Fiji, on a cut eye in round seven of a scheduled 10. Referee Gus Mercurio had Brooke ahead by one point at the end of six, judge Ken Brady had him ahead by two points, and judge Cliff Heaver had him leading by seven.

Paul Luttrell, 139, outscored Hans Hefner, 132¼, six.

Johnny Francis, 150, outpointed Ray Anderson, 155¼, four.

Joe Charles, 127¾, outscored Steve Moran, also 127¾, three.
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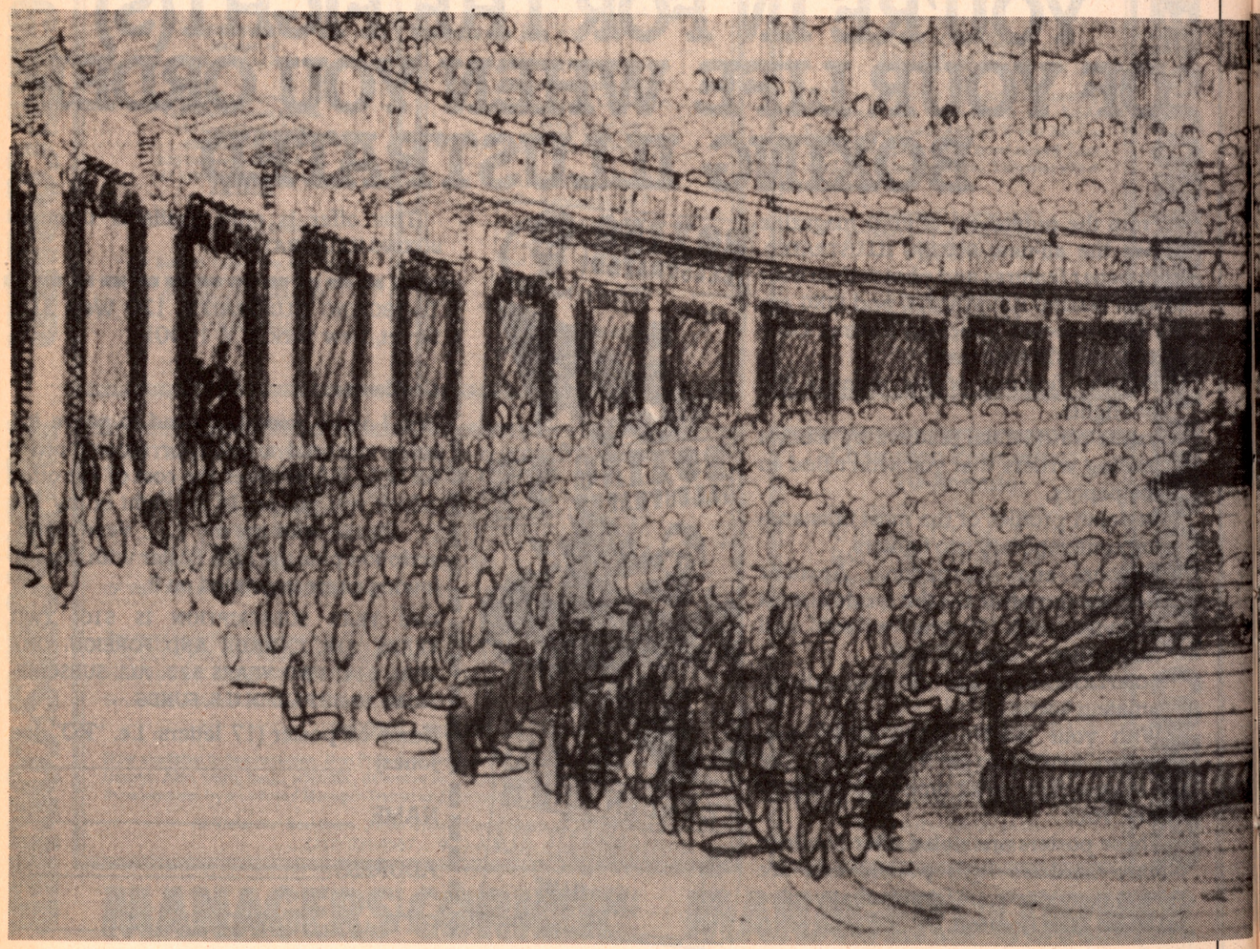
THE PROLIFIC parents took their cue that night at the Silver Slipper Casino in Las Vegas. And they got a decent amount of applause from the collection of cynics at ringside. But they weren't that prolific. It seemed that the excitable Vitto, who watched the Wednesday night "Strip Fight of the Week" cards with a transistor radio glued to one ear so he could follow his beloved Dodgers' progress, had exaggerated slightly. It was only the parents of Ferd (referee and ex-middleweight contender) and Dale (then a lightweight contender) Hernandez. But such confusion was commonplace on those wonderful, wacky Wednesdays on Las Vegas' Boulevard South. For 50 weeks a year, the "Strip" cards drew a loyal following into the upstairs ballroom of the small casino. America's "Greatest Fight Club" program lasted 18 years before matchmaker Frank Watts sadly read the death notice last May 26.

BY MIKE MARLEY



GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN: THE SILVER SLIPPER

THE WEEKLY BOUTS, WHICH WERE launched by the indefatigable Bill Miller in 1964, never seemed to fit their setting as perfectly as they did at the Slipper. At various times, Circus Circus, The Marina, the Hacienda, The Castaways and some joint called the LaVista Supper Club (which wasn't even actually on the neon-lit Strip) also provided a home for itinerant fighters, trainers, managers and fans. But the Slipper, which was the site for the fights for nearly 14 years in three different stints, was truly the home and final resting place for a program which, for so long, was regarded as too tough to die.

An ironic footnote to the Slipper's demise came a month after the obit of the club fights were first penned. On the same weekend, two Las Vegans, Irish Leroy Haley and S.T. Gordon—one a long-time main-eventer on The Strip and the other a graduate of the prelim ranks—captured world championships. Haley outhustled Saoul Mamby for the WBC junior welterweight title, while the crude but effective Gordon knocked out flashy Carlos DeLeon to gain the artificial WBC cruiserweight crown.

Their dual upsets gave Watts, the boxing neophyte who rescued and rebuilt the Strip cards five years ago—and who has stayed on as the casino's director of security—a sense of accomplishment and pride.

"Leroy Haley," Watts said, "is a fine example of our cards. Guys like him and Marvin Camel (ex-WBC cruiserweight champ) had nearly all their fights here. As for Gordon, I think he had five or six bouts here."

In his hurried fistic education, Watts came to realize that any fight club worthy of the name has two purposes: One, to entertain with honest if sometimes technically-deficient bouts and, two, to serve as an incubator for talent. And, unlike the big-time promoters,

Watts cared not which fighter won. He operated without benefit of a stable.

"The cards (then at The Marina) were only drawing 175-200 people when I took over," Watts said. "It took us two years to get back to the 500 level. I had to put on credible fights. I had no "house fighters." It was, really, a case of may the best man win. A guy knew he could come in here and fight as good as he wanted to. We had competitive fights—and, I admit, a few mismatches.

"I had a lot of fun. We had those female fights. One night, with LaVonne Ludian fighting Princess Something-or-other, we had over 1,000 people. They were standing on the bar. We got the most publicity, I guess, when Darryl Penn attacked referee Harry Krausse. I met a lot of good people in boxing. And we had those 350 regulars . . . the same faces every Wednesday."

A rebirth of the longest-running show in Vegas is unlikely. And Watts doesn't expect his bosses to reconsider.

"There's a lot of speculation," Watts said. "The Dunes is supposed to go every other Wednesday. But we were losing more than we made. It was a multitude of things: transportation, feeding the fighters, etc. All our local fighters were 10-round fighters. All our four- and six-round kids had been knocked out. And we have limited casino space. We'd get a good crowd (to gamble) but they weren't gonna wait for a seat at a table."

And, finally, there was no more room at the inn for America's Greatest Fight Club. The Slipper's folding—coming on the heels of the irregular scheduling of Thursday night L.A. Olympic Auditorium cards—makes Don Elbaum's Atlantic City Tropicana shows the last of a soon-to-be-extinct species.

It was ever so humble, but no modern-day club had the Slipper's seamy atmosphere. A remembrance would not be compelte without —by category, please—a listing of those who made the Strip cards so special.

THE FANS

THERE WERE TWO CLASSES, TOURIST and local. Among the out-of-towners. Jimmy Connors, Clint Eastwood and the physician without portfolio, Dr. Hunter Thompson. But, it was the colorful regulars who provided the loudness and rowdiness in the ballroom. Mixed in with the occasional Pal Cooper or Robert Goulet, these pit bosses, hookers, siding salesmen and assorted other grifters and drifters bet hundreds of dollars on four-rounders.

When they knew neither fighter, they would bet corners. "I'll take the blue for two," meant an investor liked the blue corner for $200. Making the betting more exotic were the knockout pools and the go/don't go (the distance) wagering. These fellows didn't appreciate such enchanted evenings as the August, 1978 one when a carload of nondescript Arkansas boxers turned the ring into a natatorium, splashing everyone in the first few rows.

Al (Son) Shine, Billy Baxter, Lou Kopple, Hank Henry, Hollerin' Herman, Ahmed Bey, New York Joe and all the rest didn't expect to see many future champs. They looked only for "an edge" in their betting. Some of the sporting types liked to visit fighters' corners between rounds and make loud verbal offers ("I got $100 for ya if you take him out this round") to induce better efforts—or so the reasoning went.

THE TRAINERS

SOMEBODY HAD TO PROVIDE THE bodies. Beto Martinez brought in "opponents" by the score. Then Jimmy Montoya became the bearer of the weakly opponents. The local trainer of distinction was gym owner Johnny Tocco.

THE TALENTS

BABY CASSIUS, DENNY MOUER, MIKE Quarry, George (Scrapiron) Johnson, Ski Goldstein (who went downhill quickly), Tony Doyle, Danny and Ernie Lopez, Art Alderette, David Oropeza, Sugar Ray Seales, King George Aidoo, Earnie Shavers, Rocky DiFazio, Eddie (Bossman) Jones, 6-8 giant James J. Beattie, Andy Heilman and Roger Rouse, Charley (Bad News) Austin, Andy Kendall, one Charles (Sonny) Liston, Don Fullmer and Adolph Pruitt.

THE FOREIGNERS

OLD MEXICO WAS SELDOM DISHONored by one of its sons. Its proud warriors included Schoolboy Eddie Mazon, Angel Mayoral, Polo Corona, Marco Gerardo, Benito Juarez and Rafael Gutierriez. From Colombia came Rodrigo Valdes and Big Bernie Mercardo. Canada offered rugged Ronnie Wilson and glass-jawed Earl McLeay. Cuba's ageless Angel Robinson Garcia, Englishman Barry McClellan, Ghana's Peter Cobblah and Ronnie Gibbons from Ireland. Eltefat Talebi of Iran.

Modesto Concepcion, who sometimes fought as Concepcion Martinez, was from the Dominican Republic. Puerto Rico was represented by Jorge (Kid Dynamite) Morales and Eddie Parotte. One guy they cried for in Argentina was the boastful Latin lover, Oscar (Ringo) Bonavena, who drew his last breath outside a Nevada brothel. Rudy Barro, who fought his thrillas away from Manila. Then there was Abdul Bey from Chicago by way of Mars and Jimmy "Sweet Sugar Demon" Owen's, who said he came from Hell, Mississippi. Told that there was no such town, Owens replied: "When you're black, any place in Mississippi is hell."

LOCAL YOKELS

BILLY MARSH, EUGENE (HONEYBEAR) Bryant, Nate Williams, Rocky Mosley Sr. and Jr., Willie (Birdlegs) Jenson, Indian Billy Turner, Ralph Dupas, Al Swiderski, Tiger Al Williams, Herman Fandel, Jumbo Jimmy Gilmore, Don Miner, Gary Bates, Roy Jones, and Johnny Lira. Also remembered affectionately is one Rollie Ryer, who spent more time on canvas than Rembrandt.

TRAGEDIES

ROY HOLLOWAY, WHO DIED AFTER A strip bout. Sad cases such as Jerry Weakland (murder conviction), Petey Bufala (shot to death), 22-year-old heavyweight Jed Walls (suicide), Irish Frankie Crawford (shot and paralyzed), Cobblah (shot to death) and Billy Marsh, who wound up incredibly punch drunk from his 300-or-so pro bouts—a walking advertisement for the abolition of boxing.

SUCCESS STORIES

LARRY CLARK FOUGHT TO FINANCE HIS college education. Quitting the day he graduated, Clark is now a fight judge and works for the Gaming Commission. Once world junior middleweight champ, Freddie Little taught at Rancho High School and now works for the state government.

They were all part of this shrine. And so were the refs, the judges and even the writers whose stories served as tout sheets—including the authors of this one, Jim (Catfish) Hunter, Tommy (Mud Duck) Lopez, Frank Dell-Apa and at the finish, George Staresinic. Some bettors figured they knew better.

And now it's gone. Closed up. Wild Bill Miller must be spinning like a gyroscope in his grave. Pity most the town locals. With the leading Cultural Center empty, what else is there to do in Vegas on a Wednesday night?

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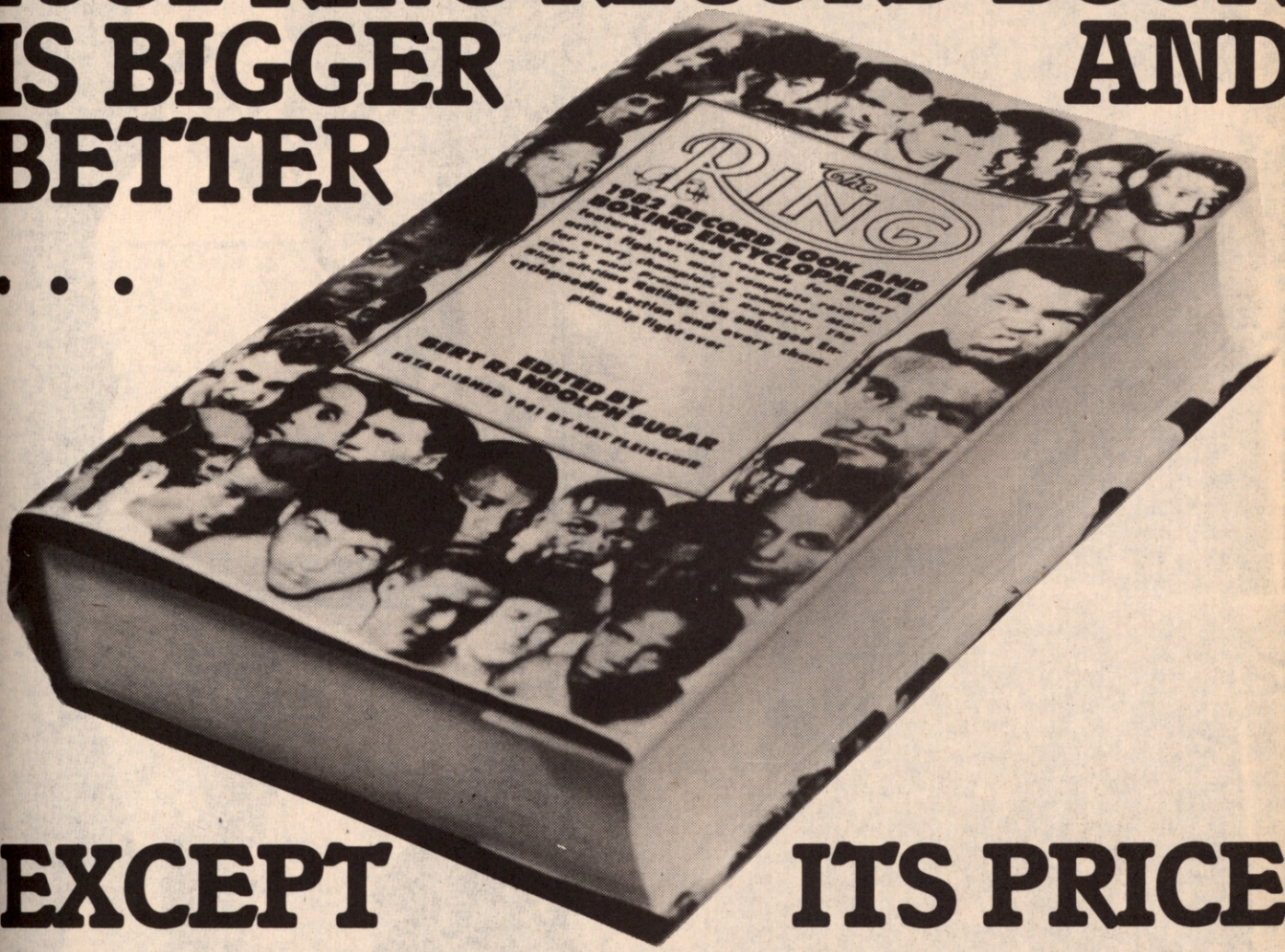

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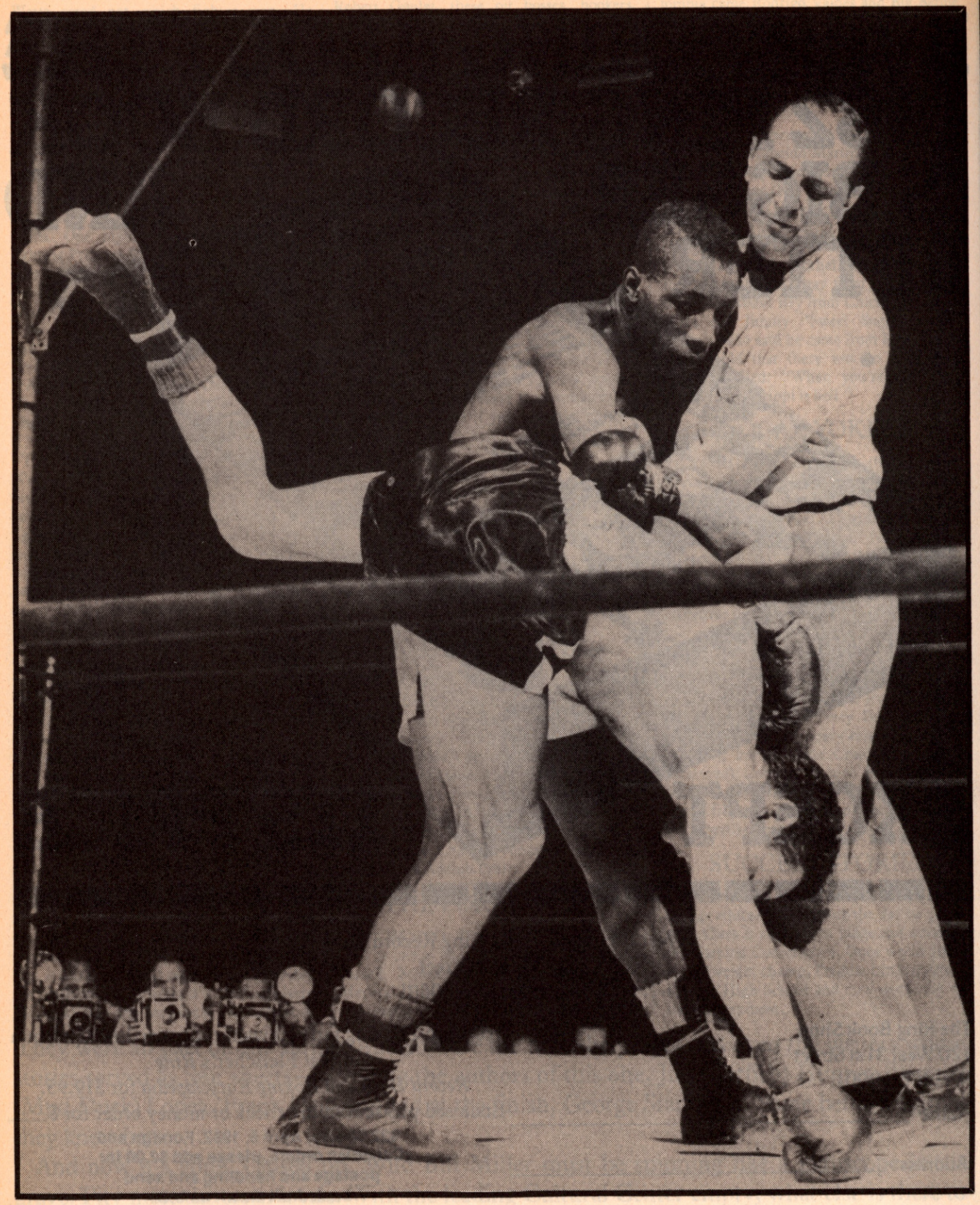

THE FIGHTER who dethrones a Pugilant Hero has a hard struggle to win popular acceptance thereafter, as readers of Pierce Egan have reason to know. The microcosm is a worshiper of demigods, like the larger world around it. Gene Tunney is belittled to this day, particularly by fans who never saw him, simply because he whipped Jack Dempsey. The names of the conquerors of Hannibal and Terry McGovern are seldom spoken. The cult of Napoleon envelops the globe, but only Tory biographers have a kind word for Wellington. One thing all these victors have in common is that they went into the ring as long shots; the man who demolishes a concept is never popular.

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LEFT: No, that's not a track star trying out a new broad-jump technique—It's Willie Pep, about to hit the canvas, courtesy of Sandy Saddler. Above: Muscular challenger Red Top Davis (left) strikes an arm-wrestling pose with Saddler at the commissioner's office prior to their title bout. He'd have done better arm-wrestling Sandy than boxing him.

SANDY SADDLER: THE GREAT-AND-A-HALF CHAMPION

by A. J. Liebling

ABOVE: Saddler nails Davis with a left in fifth round of the February, 1955 contest. Right: The battering continued as Saddler connected in the sixth. Saddler took unanimous decision. Top Right: In the U.S. Army in 1953, the featherweight champ shows a private how to keep in shape.

A PROTRACTED TERRA-COTTA-COLORED prizefighter named Sandy Saddler, whose physique and profile remind me of a praying mantis, has labored under this handicap since the evening of October 29, 1948, four days before the Truman election, when he knocked out a quick-moving Italian named Willie Pep, of Hartford, in Madison Square Garden, and won the featherweight championship of the world. Pep was a 1-3 favorite going in; Dewey, as I remember it, was 1-15. It was to be a week of surprises, and the blushing experts never forgave either winner. Saddler, five feet eight and a half incehs tall, was twenty-two and weighed a hundred and twenty-four pounds. Pep, who was twenty-six, is of a height more usual among featherweights—five feet five. Like Saddler he was under a hundred and twenty-six pounds; he had to be, because that is the class limit. Saddler floored the Hartford man twice in the third round and knocked him out with a left hook to the jaw in the fourth. Pep, after the third knockdown, was the theater of a visible psychomachy, or struggle between body and soul. Body won, and he stayed down. Knowing coves—in Egan's phrase—who on the afternoon of the fight had coupled Pep and Sugar Ray Robinson as twin pinnacles on the horizon of the Sweet Science, announced after Pep's defeat that he had been a hollow shell, which is a traditional ex-post-facto metaphor. They even suggested that he had feigned, although his record made this implausible. He had won a hundred and thirty-four fights out of a hundred and thirty-six.

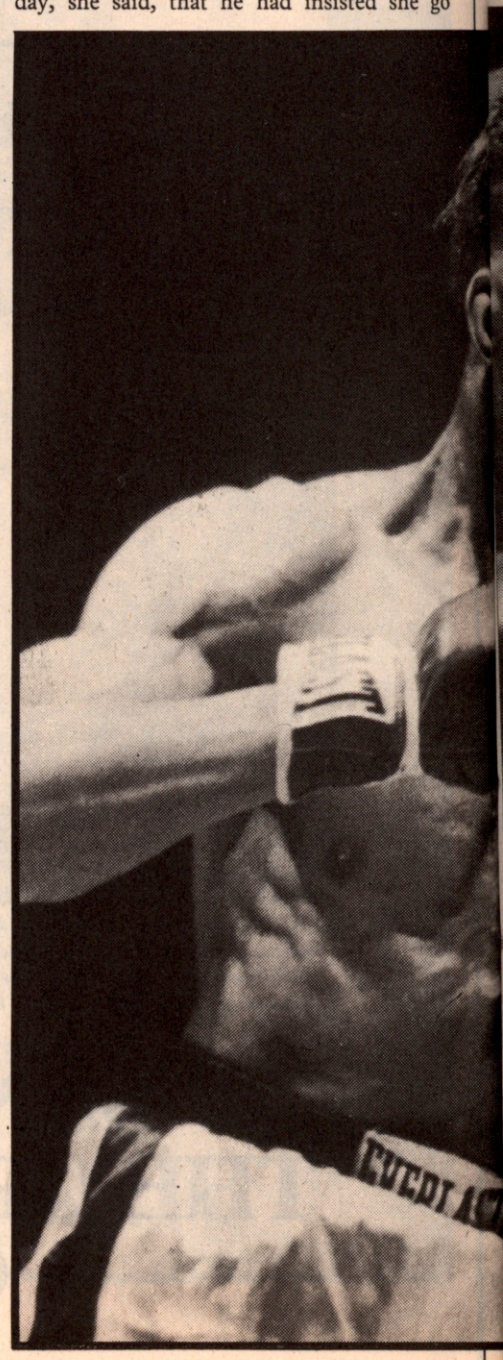
One boxing man who agrees with me about Saddler is Charlie Johnston, his manager. Johnston is also the handler of Archie Moore, the light-heavyweight champion, who has been boxing since Roosevelt's first administration. One day in the summer of 1954, while I was visiting Ehsan's training camp near Summit, New Jersey, a pugilistic Yaddo where Moore was doing his thinking for a forthcoming fight, Mr. Johnston made a definitive appraisal. "Saddler is a great champion," he said. "But Moore is a great, great champion." Saddler weas in residence at the time, training for a couple of bouts Johnston had booked for him in Venezuela. Since Saddler has spent 1952 and 1953 in the Army, Johnston was bringing him along on a diet of opponents carefully graded in significance. Military service is supposed to dull a fighter's training. Saddler was training as hard as if he expected a tough battle; when he went down to Caracas he knocked out his first opponent in one round and his second in three. Johnston, who operates from an office on Times Square, drives to Summit every day when he has one of his champions there, and drives back in the afternoon. He is a serious man, his champions are serious fighters, and Ehsan's is a serious place. On weekends, when Johnston thinks the fighters have earned a bit of dissipation, he takes down a box of jelly doughnuts.

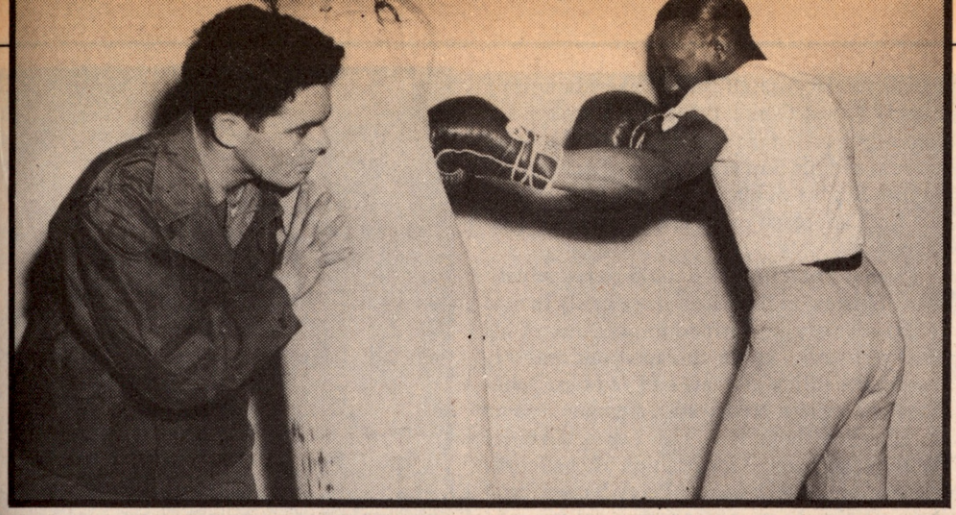
"Doesn't Saddler get bored down here nights?" I asked him.

"Why should he be bored?" Johnston said. "He can talk to Moore about boxing."

When I read in the newspapers that Saddler was to defend his title against a fellow called Red Top Davis in Madison Square Garden on February 25, 1955, I felt as pleased as if I were going to see a favorite actor in a new vehicle. I knew little about Davis, but I was confident that Saddler would interpret him in an interesting manner. It would be the champion's first defense of the featherweight title since his last fight with Pep, in September, 1951.

On the Sunday morning before the fight, I drove down to Summit with Johnston to see Saddler spar. Mrs. Johnston rode in the front seat with her husband; it was such a beautiful day, she said, that he had insisted she go





along for the ride. They picked me up in front of my apartment house, and then we drove to the Capitol Hotel, where we collected a radio announcer for the Argentine Ministry of Information; he had a medal to present to Saddler on behalf of Perón. Johnston maintained cordial relations with Perón, and carried on a brisk import-and-export trade in boxers with him. The Argentine, a small plump man with a blue beard, said he hadn't had any breakfast and didn't want any. He told me he traveled to all countries where Argentine athletes competed—especially automobile racers—and broadcast reports to Buenos Aires on how they were doing. The job sounded all right to me. "Three fighters Sandy knock out nine-

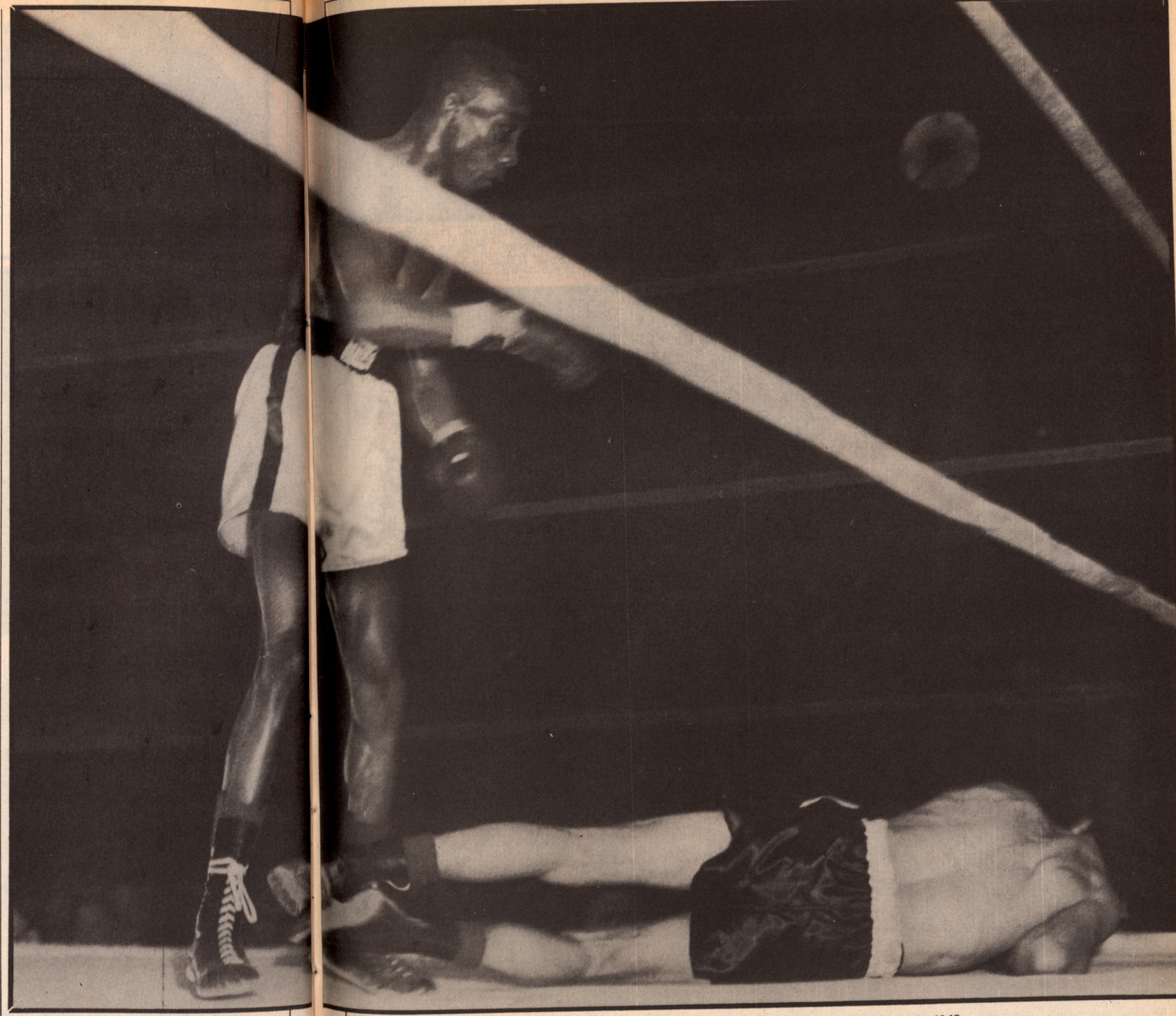
teen-fifty-one in South America," he said. "None them no good never since. Sandy poonch, poonch." Then he fell asleep.

To me Saddler appeared to be what Egan would have called a first-rate bit of fighting stuff, but he never succeeded in making his detractors admit it. He fought Pep three more times—in 1949, 1950, and 1951. In the last two annual renewals he knocked the old champion out, but the critics said that the Pep of 1950 was the mere shell of a shell, while the Pep of 1951 was not even that; he was more like the murmur you hear when you hold a shell to your ear. By that time, Pep admittedly was a bit worn between the shoulder blades, but he was still the second best featherweight in the world. Part of the public reluctance to accept Saddler is attributable to his height, which spectators feel gives him an undue advantage over his opponents. A moment's cogitation on observed phenomena would tell them the opposite.

There are plenty of tall, skinny kids, but few of them are fighters, because the tubular torso of the asthenic renders him peculiarly vulnerable to pounding in the middle. His higher center of gravity is a disadvantage in the ring, permitting the other boy to spin him like the lady in a ballroom-dancing act, and his swanlike neck is an overextended line of neural communication, allowing him to be knocked out by a tap that would hardly jog the rudimentary mental processes of a bull-necked lad. Most such physical types, when misplaced ambition brings them to the ring, rely on their reach to peck at opponents and on their legs to keep them out of trouble, in close, they wind their arms about their adversaries' like spaghetti around the tines of a fork. (The United Kingdom has suffered so severely from heavyweight champions of this construction that British growers have now developed a midget heavyweight strain.) Saddler, on the contrary, is relentlessly aggressive. He seldom takes a step backward, and if an opponent occasionally gets a foot under one of his descending ring shoes, he hospitably allows it to remain there. Instead of using his left for jabbing—a gesture of rejection—he prefers to apply a lashing hook to the body, and then bring it up to the jaw. If he misses the second half of the punch, and the other fellow, in straightening up, gets his head wedged under Saddler's crooked elbow, there is little the champion can do about it except uppercut with the other hand to teach him better ring manners. And when a smaller man locks one of Saddler's gloves under his arm, Saddler can hardly be blamed for trying to pull loose, even though he may swing the little fellow completely around in doing so. If at the end of this snap-the-whip he steadies his partner with a chop on the chin, it is, conceivably, to stop him from going through the ropes. Among today's boxers Saddler is almost the last dispenser of the old-fashioned amenities. He himself is built like a bundle of loosely joined fishing poles, but they are apparently pickled bamboo; he takes a good punch, and his thin arms and legs never seem to tire. But the public, instead of appreciating his fresh approach to his role, resents his efficiency.

From my seat in back I could converse with Mr. Johnston at the wheel more easily than if I had been sitting beside him, because of his deaf right ear. As we threaded our way between the filling stations and Howard Johnsons of northern New Jersey, I gathered some intelligence about Red Top Davis. Davis, I learned, had gained his position as challenger by beating a fellow named Percy Bassett, who had previously beaten another fellow who couldn't fight at all. On such tenuous foundations are featherweight reputations now reared. Davis, Johnston said, was thirty-one, three years older than Saddler. "As a matter of fact," he went on, "Davis was two of the last six guys Pep licked before the first time we licked Pep. He used to be a sparring partner for Pep, I hear, and that summer Pep decisioned him twice in Hartford in two weeks just to keep busy." Subsequently Davis had campaigned all over the place, losing as often as he won, until the last couple of years, when he started winning more often than he lost. "Some fighters improve late," Johnston said.

In the bare dining room of Ehsan's main building we found Bertie Briscoe, Saddler's trainer. He is a grizzled Brooklyn Irishman who fought as a bantamweight in the Edwardian era. I asked him how Sandy looked, and he said seriously, "How he looks? He's the best fighter ever tied on a glove in the history of the world." Moore, Johnston's other champion, has his own trainers—Cheerful Norman and Tiny Payne. Johnston calls them "Moore trainers," and Briscoe a "Saddler trainer." The Moore trainers were in Califfornia, so Briscoe got no argument. "Name me another fighter in the history of the world fought in every country and never brought no soft touch with him to fight," he said fiercely. "We fight the best they got, and we hit them in the old kazazza." He returned, breathing hard with anger, to the perusal of the boxing column in the New York *Enquirer*. "This feller," he said, poking a rectangular index finger into the boxing columnist's photographically reproduced eye, "picks *Davis*!" Johnston equably ventured the suggestion that maybe such talk might bring a few customers into the Garden, but Briscoe, as soon as the manager turned away, glared at his back and grumbled, "Anything for a dollar." He was only half mollified when Mrs. Johnston presented him with a box of jelly doughnuts for himself alone. In the kitchen Mr. Jimmy Brooks, Saddler's *fidus Achates* and junior trainer, was feeding a week-old lamb from a nursing bottle. For Brooks, the dashing Harlemite who admitted he was a boule-

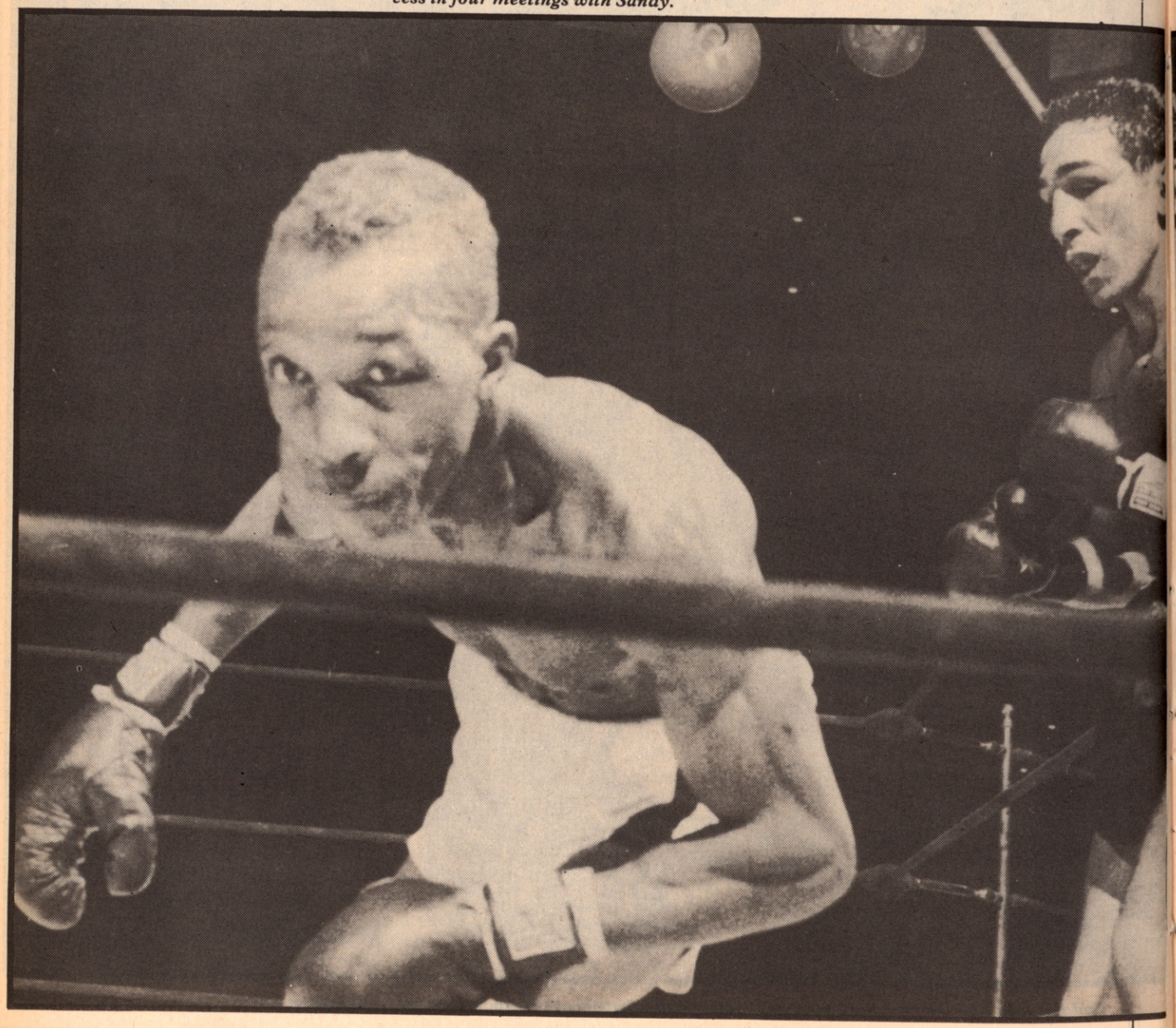


Saddler won title for first time with this fourth-round knockout of Pep in New York in 1948.

vardier and connoisseur, this was an unprecedented surrender to the austerity of the environment, and he felt called upon to explain it. "She fell into a pond, and when they fish her out, the mother wouldn't feed her," he said. "She must have smelled different." Looking at the lamb with an affection of callousness, he added, "She wouldn't make but one order of lamb chops." The lamb, having emptied the bottle, made a noise like a baby's rattle, and the boulevardier panicked. "Don't be mad, Baby," he implored. "Daddy going to get you more soon as he can heat it."

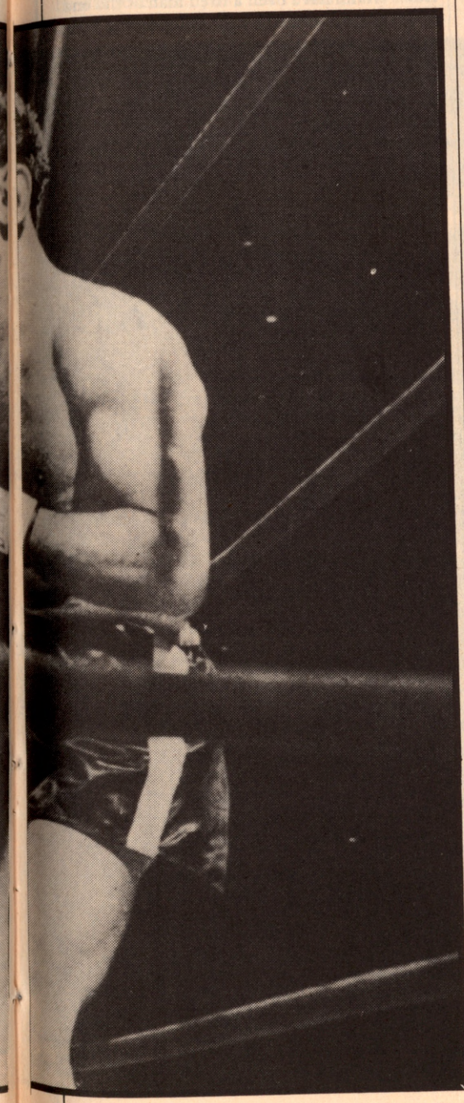
When we had had our ham and eggs—the invariable lunch for visitors at Ehsan's—Johnston and the Argentine and I headed for the gymnasium, farther up the hill, where

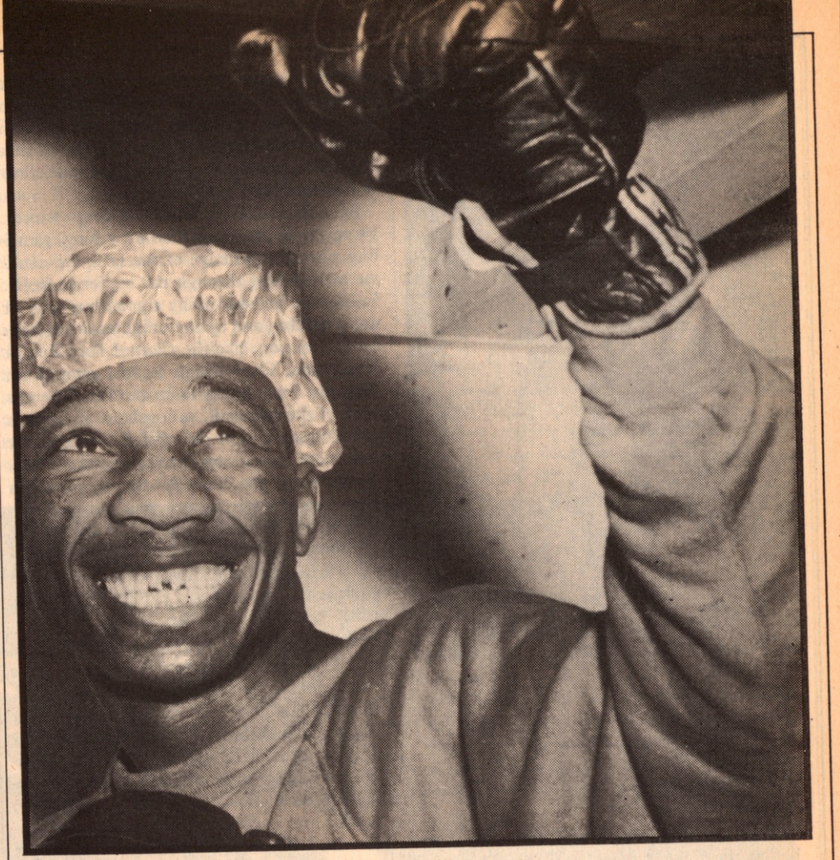
Clockwise from top: Saddler watches intently as Pep weighs in. Training for Red Top, Saddler hits the speedbag while wearing his "headgear". Pep, en route to regaining the title, staggers Saddler in this January 1949 bout. It was to be Willie's only success in four meetings with Sandy.



Saddler was working out. Mrs. Johnston stayed in the farmhouse with the Sunday newspapers. The Argentine had managed to eat, and felt better. Johnston had a new Argentine import—a middleweight named Merentino—going at St. Nick's on Monday night, and the announcer said he would broadcast that one. "How is this Merentino?" I asked him, and he said, "Very good poonch, poonch. No much reflection."

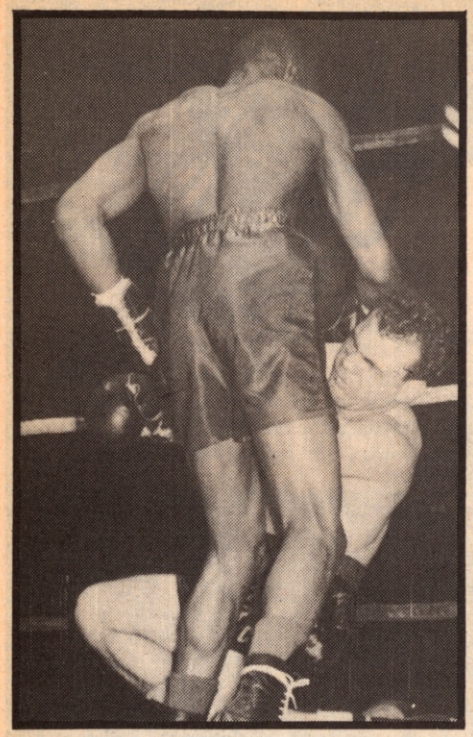
Saddler was wearing long sweat clothes like old-fashioned red-flannel underwear, which made him look less like a mantis than usual and more like a Christmas candle. Before he put on his sparring helmet, he pulled a cellophane shower cap over his carefully plastered-down hair. The sweat clothes might have





meant that he was having touble making the weight or merely that he had a sensible aversion to drafts. His sparring partner, Georgie Collins, a chunky, muscular lightweight, operated in the fashion expected of Davis, circling and bobbing much as Pep used to do. (Davis was supposed to have picked up a lot of Pep's stuff sparring with him.) Every now and then he tried to bob up inside the effective arc of Saddler's long arms and work him over in close. Saddler, flat-footed and elastic, practiced assidously with a long left hook to the region denominated by Mr. Briscoe as the kazazza—the torso between the diaphragm and the waistline. (Mr. Briscoe's slang is as archaic as his lingerie; he wears thick winter drawers that he calls bulletproofs.) The hook to the kazazza of a bouncy fellow is intended to exercise a numbing effect upon his transmission; after a few applications, he ceases to be such a gadabout. When Collins got inside, Saddler would retract his arms to the position of prayer, and uppercut. All was good nature, and I thought I could tell from the way he worked that he wasn't much worried.

I got out to see Davis two days later, on Washington's Birthday. He was training at Long Pond Inn, in Greenwood Lake, New



Above: Eddie Giosa sinks to the canvas after receiving a body shot from Saddler. Sandy retained title in two in this December, 1948 bout. Right: Sandy misses with a left. He landed enough of them to KO Terry Young in the 10th and retain his title.

York, and it was to be his final day of sparring before the fight, on Friday night. This trip had more of the air of fan official outing than the other; I set forth from the I.B.C., at the Garden, in a hired Cadillac and in the company of Harry Mendel, an I.B.C. press agent, and a free-lance photographer who had been chartered for the day, like the Cadillac. The photographer arrived even sleepier than Sunday's Argentine. "Out of a cold blue sky, they call me on five minutes' notice," he complained.

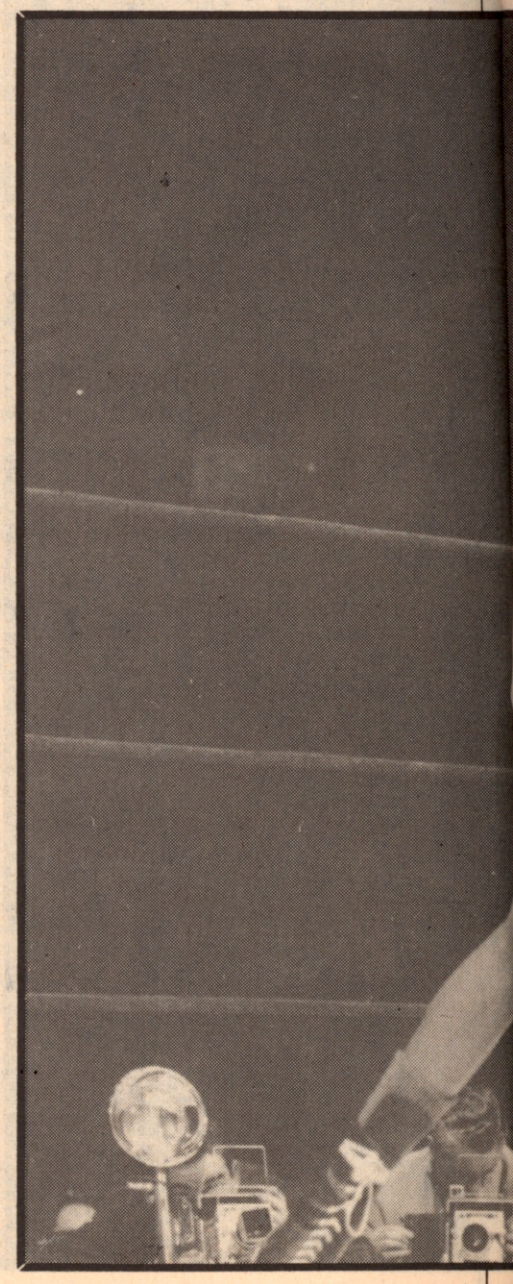
"You look great—who's your embalmer?" the driver said.

"The same stiff that writes your material," the photographer replied. They must have been listening to the same television comedian. The other members of our company were Al Buck a sports writer from the *Post*, and Tony Canzoneri, the old featherweight, and then lightweight, champion. (He now weighs a hundred and sixty-five.) Canzoneri was to observe Davis and tell Mendel how he thought he looked; the next day he would go down to Summit and observe Saddler. It would make good publicity for the fight, and also for a restaurant Canzoneri was opening on Broadway. I never see Canzoneri without thinking of the great excitement he used to set up without making a single spurious move. He never took an unnecessary step to call attention to his agility, or threw a silly, slapping punch to catch the crowd's eye; he was an aggressive stylist who kept the pressure on the opposition and then came through with bursts of patterned, synchronized blows that either brought out the best in the other fellow or flattened him.

At Greenwood it was still deep winter. From the windows of the inn, a long, rambling place on the edge of the lake, we could see men fishing through the ice for pickerel. Inside, the bar was doing a good business. It was a holiday, and up there fighters are a standard attraction, like the Central Park Zoo in Manhattan. The bouts go on in a gymnasium above the long dining room and bar. There is none of the monastic atmosphere of Ehsan's at the inn; it is more cheerful and at the same time more distracting. At the inn the I.B.C. always buys you a steak dinner, and you always meet some trainer you know who is stuck up there with a fighter he can't leave overnight. The trainer's nostalgia for Stillman's is invariably heartwringing. You would think he was in the middle of the Australian bush.

While I was waiting for my steak I talked with Mush Salow, Davis's manager. He is a large, friendly, youngish man from Hartford, which has long been more of a sporting center than you would think from reading insurance-company brochures. Mr. Salow said his business was installing and servicing cigarette-vending machines, and this, naturally, brought him in contact with a number of people who run saloons where sporting people congregate. Davis, Mr. Salow conceded, had made a lot of bad fights in his early years, but the explanation was simple: he had not had a good manager. Early in 1950, at one of the successive nadirs of his career, Davis had wired from Zanesville, Ohio, his home town, to Pep in Hartford, offering a full contract on his services as boxer, sparring partner, or man of all work for the sum of fifty dollars. Pep had brought the telegram to Salow and recommended the proposition as a good investment. "I took a fifty-dollar bill out of my pocket and handed it to Willie," Mr. Salow said. "I can see it today, when I remember. By then, Willie must have conned himself, too, because he took out two tens and a five and handed them to me. That made us partners. We sent the money, and to our great surprise Davis showed up on the next train. His first fight under our direction, he beat the lightweight champion of Finland." There followed more discouraging days, though, Mr. Salow admitted, and during one of Davis's losing streaks Pep relinquished his twenty-five dollars' worth of the fighter, because, he said, he was disgusted. "That left him all to me," Mr. Salow said, "and look where we are today!" By this time the steaks had arrived, and the bar trade was already beginning to drift away in the direction of the gymnasium. I asked the ritual question—"How does he look?"—and Salow said, "He isn't much of a gymnasium fighter, but he's in good condition. For the first time since I've known him, he's on edge, snapping, and that's a good sign."

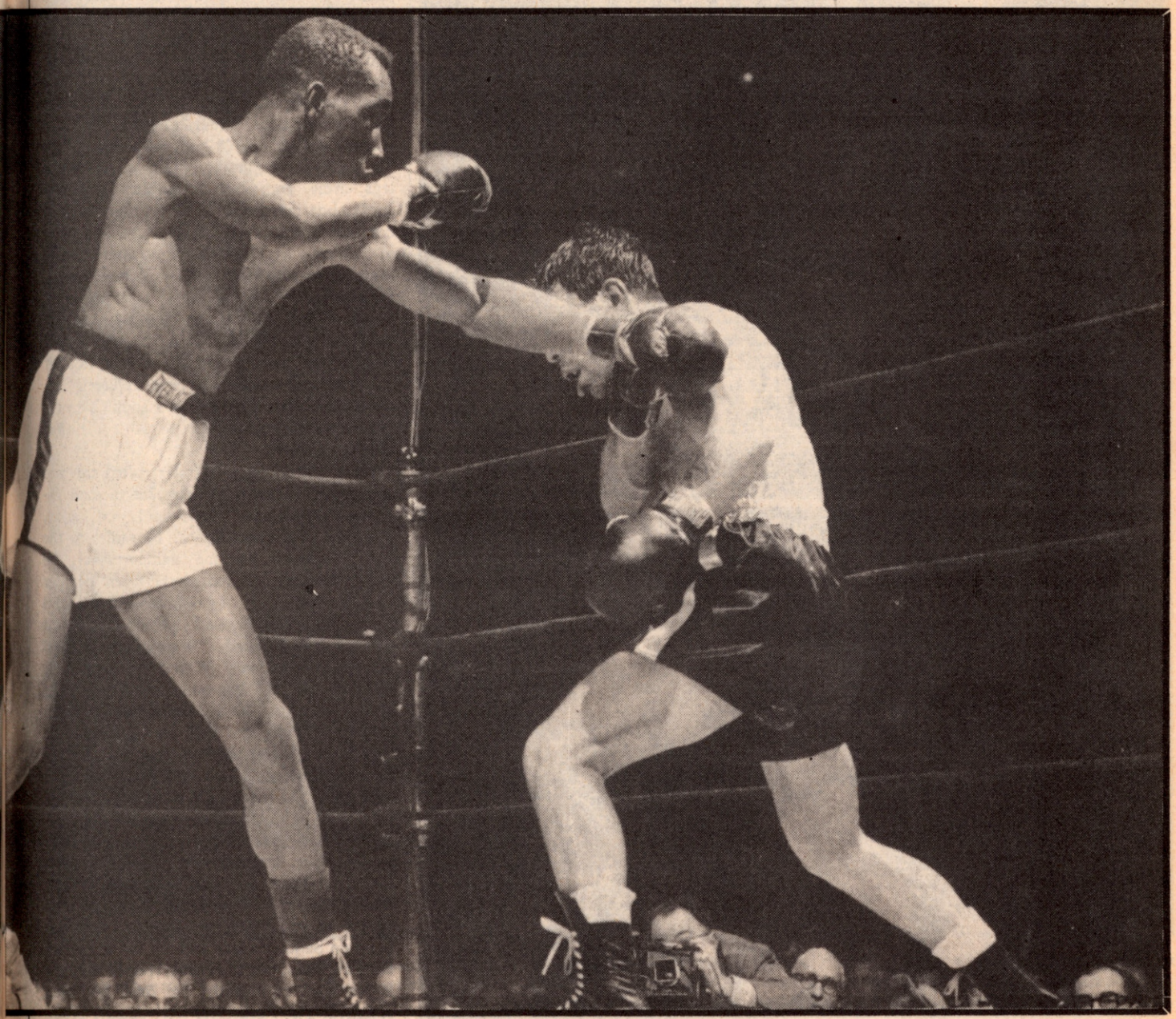
Davis turned out to be a dark Negro with a wide face, a strong torso, and stubby, muscular legs, which carried him briskly around the ring on what I should describe as a great-circle course. He was working with Joey Gambino, a six-round fighter who has had about twenty bouts. Gambino played Saddler, and almost every time he threw the imitation Saddler left hook to the kazazza, it landed. It wasn't a natural punch for Gambino, and he threw it awkwardly, but it went in anyway. If Saddler had been throwing those hooks, Davis would have been a tired man at the end of the three rounds he sparred. Coming back

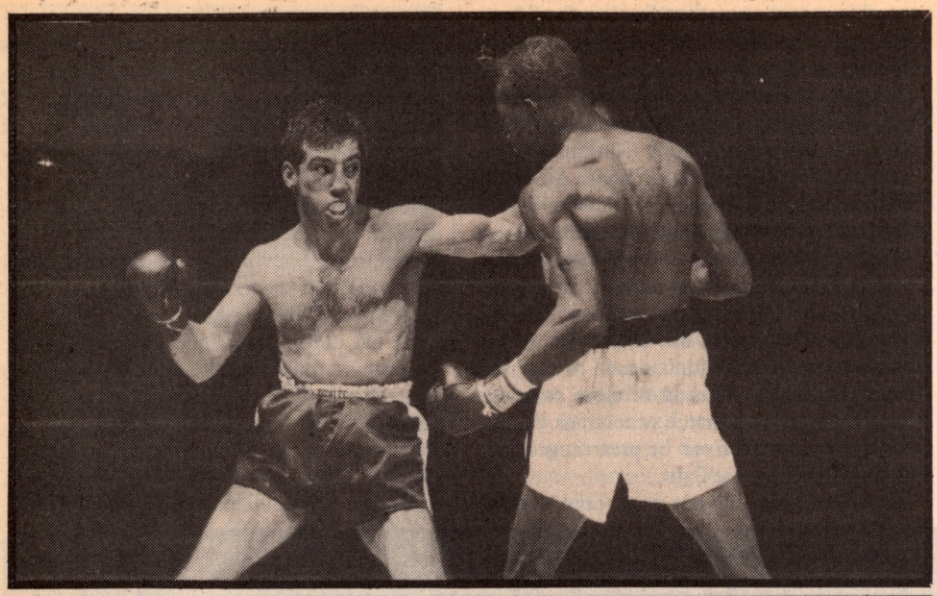


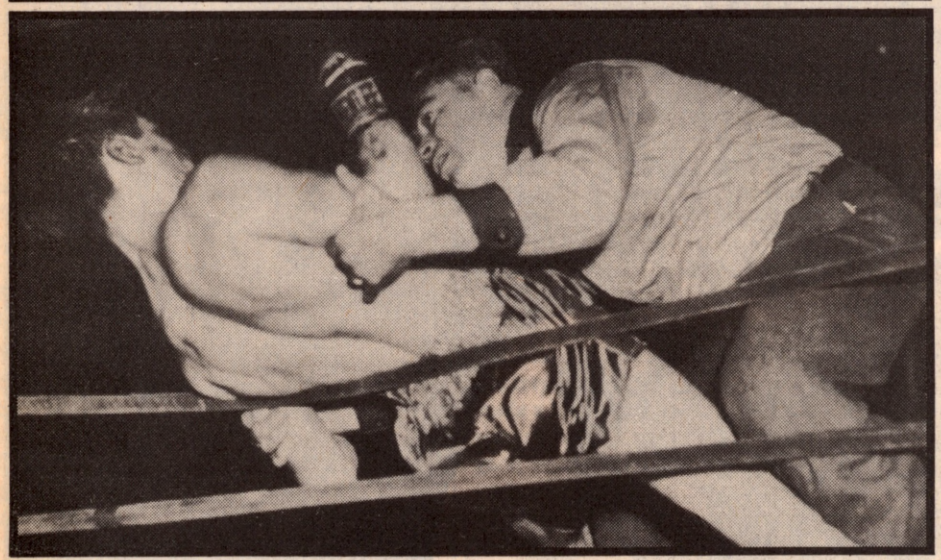
to town in the Cadillac, Canzoneri said, "He gets hit too much. But his trainer tells me he's a bad gym fighter."

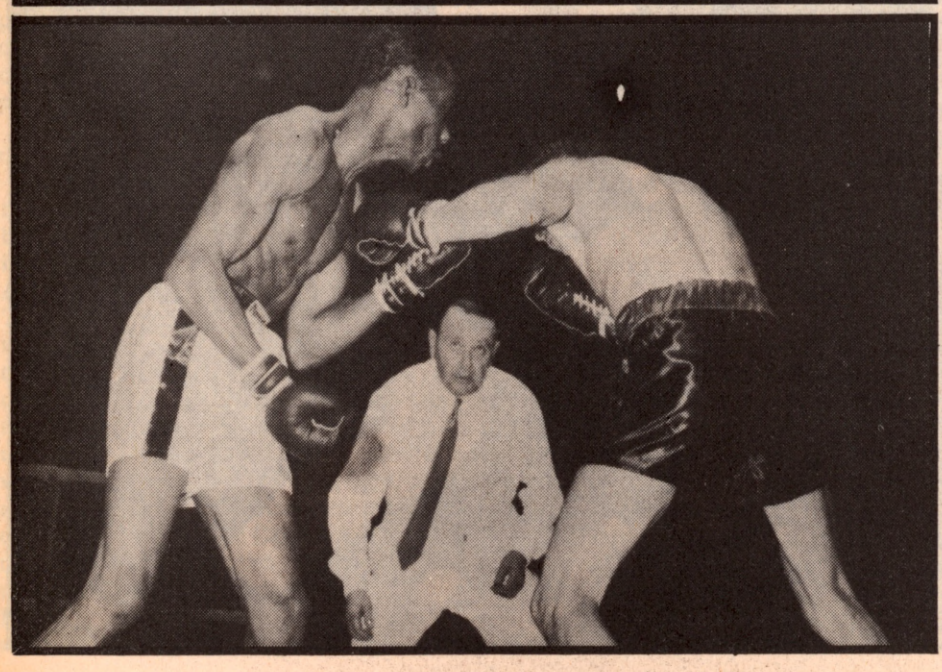
In the consequence of these preliminary investigations, I was not too sanguine of seeing an epic when I took my seat in the Garden on the night of the fight. Uncertainty is not absolutely necessary to my enjoyment of the Sweet Science, however. Davis had what seemed to me an insoluble problem, and I was eager to see how he would apply himself to its solution. He had not knocked out a man of any importance in his entire career, while Saddler hadn't been knocked out once in his hundred and fifty fights. (The record book shows that he was last stopped on March 21, 1944, in his second professional fight, when he was seventeen years old.) I was pretty sure that Davis wouldn't set a new precedent. His one chance was to outbox Saddler for fifteen rounds, but Saddler was a better boxer. As for Saddler, his procedural details are so entertaining that it is always a pleasure to watch him, even when the opposition is commonplace. It's like seeing Bobby Clark in a musical comedy with an inferior book. Although the fight was on television, there were five or six thousand customers in the Garden—an excellent showing for an era when the Sweet Science has become a free handout to encourage beer sales. I naturally assumed that all these customers were, like me, lovers of art for its own sake; it didn't occur to me that they expected the illusion of close competition. In a wrestling match or a circus chariot race, such an illusion can be prearranged, but not in an honest prize fight.

The semifinal did not long hold my interest, because it was between two young lightweights in such prime condition that they couldn't hurt each other. They exchanged resounding blows with the disregard of consequences that accompanies regular hours, a clean life, and habitual over-indulgence in vitamins, and at the end of eight rounds they left a feeling of nothing accomplished. A former member of a college faculty named Eddie Shevlin (he taught boxing) used to say, "You never learn anything until you're tired." He would therefore let his students bat each other about for ten or twelve five-minute rounds before he began trying to teach them, and I sometimes think the trouble with young fighters nowadays is that they are never allowed to become sufficiently exhausted. Even Davis, in all his hundred and ten fights, had never boxed more than twelve





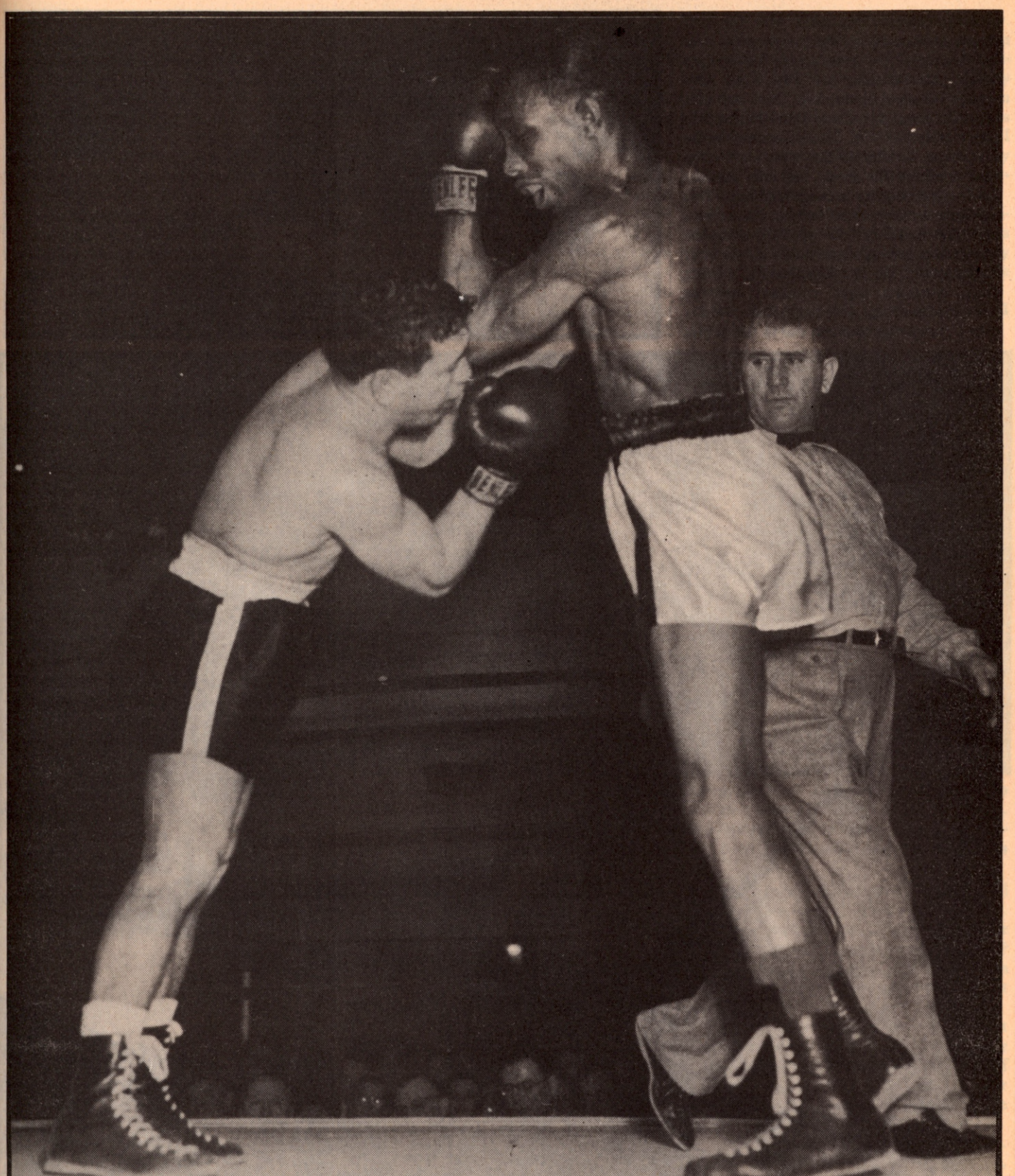




rounds in one evening—a circumstance he was destined to recollect before this one was over.

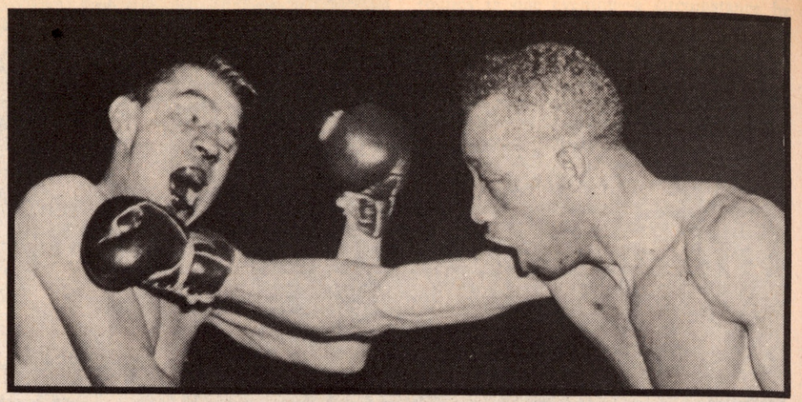
Davis's demeanor when he climbed through the ropes after the departure of the eupeptic lightweights was grave; it is possible that he was even then developing a psychomachy. He was accompanied by Sallow, who appeared to be thinking hard about the fifty-dollar bill, and two trainers—Freddie Fierro and Chickie Ferrara. He weighted precisely a hundred and twenty-six. Saddler came into the opposite corner wearing an ensemble that, while it did not quite outshine the black-and-gold silk mandarin robe Archie Moore wore into the ring, came wihtin a gleam of it. He had on a two-piece wool outfit in the Wallace tartan, predominantly red and black. The Johnston champions find an emotional outlet in color. With Saddler were Johnston, Briscoe, and Brooks, all smiling as they had just split a hamper of jelly doughnuts. Saddler weighed a hundred and twenty-four and a half pounds, for a net gain of eight ounces in the six years and four months that had elapsed since his 1948 bout with Pep. When his handlers removed the plain coverings, his legs, arms, and torso resembled cinnamon sticks, but his profile, a sweeping arc from cranium to chin, rested on his long mandibles as chillingly as it had the first time Pep saw him. He presented an unfriendly appearance. Harry Kessler, the referee, a gray-haired, florid official, viewed the two fighters with the expression of a new Sunday-school teacher who expects to be hit with a spitball if he turns his head. He had never refereed Saddler before, but he had heard about his propensity for bringing out the worst in other fighters' natures.

From the moment Kessler called the two men to the center of the ring for the conventional admonition—"Now, Sandy and Teddy, I want a nice clean fight," he said into the microphone—it became evident that the crowd expected a contest between Saddler and the referee, if not between Saddler and Davis. "Watch him, Ref!" persons above and behind me shrieked. "Watch dose tumbs! Watch dose elbows! Watch dat head!" It sounded like the anatomical-catalogue song about Alouette. The booing of Saddler began shortly after the first bell. Davis, because he was so much shorter than Saddler, and because he obviously had very little chance to beat him, had the public sympathy, and the proximity of his kazazza to his waistline encouraged partisan outcry every time Saddler hooked. Encouraged by his supporters, Davis displayed brisk but not dangerous activity during the first two minutes of the first round. In one clinch he placed his open left hand on Saddler's face and felt for an eyeball with a thumb, but the crowd treated him like Little Lord Fauntleroy; the roles had been assigned. The Philistines were equally prodi-



Left, top to bottom: Paddy DeMarco winds up with a right in October, 1949 title bout. He gave Sandy his moneys worth before exiting after ninth due to cuts. Referee saves Tommy Collins from falling through ropes in fifth frame of non-title bout in 1952. Collins was counted out. Saddler and Ray Famechon mix it up in Paris before European champ was KO'd in fifth. Above: Dwarfish Bill Bossio was a bloody mess when this mismatch was halted in ninth.

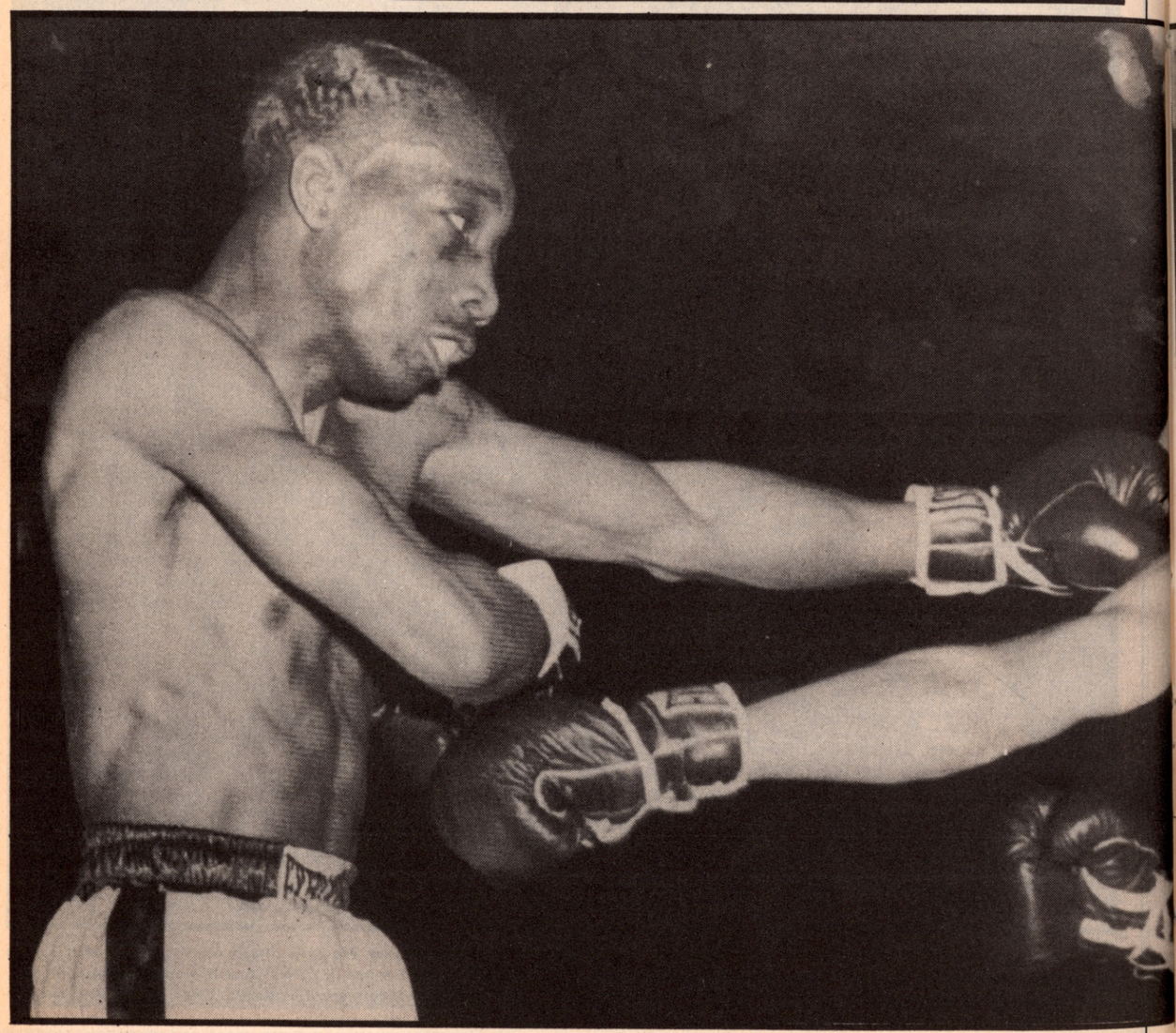
gal with advice. Beginning with the first round, a tactician behind me shouted, over and over, "Trow your right, Davis—he's holdin' his shoulder low. He forgot that though the shoulder was low, there was a lot of arm in front of it. Davis didn't forget; Saddler wouldn't let him. Toward the end of the first round, Saddler hit him with a left to the head that hurt him sorely, and after that the Davis psychomachy became manifest. This particular battle between body and soul ended in a draw. Red Top didn't soulfully storm the barricade of gloves, but he didn't lay the body down, either. He just kept boxing, moving away, clutching when necessary, jabbing when it seemed that a jab might make Saddler miss a punch that counted, and as the rounds went by, the unreceptive public had nothing to amuse it but Saddler's imaginary conflict with the rules. Kessler, entering with spirit into his role of public prosecutor, admonished one fighter or the other, and sometimes both, in almost every round, but after the fight it turned out that he had not taken a round away from either for foul practice, which means that in his opinion no serious crime had occurred.

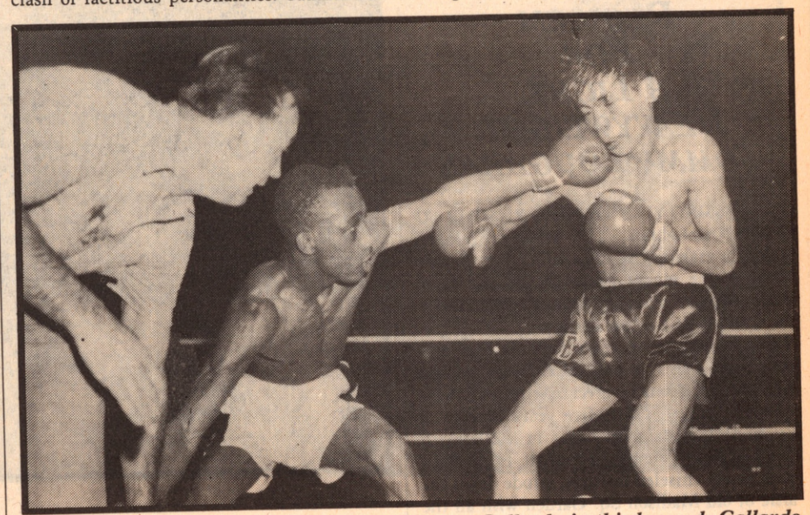


By the end of the third round, the right side of poor Red Top's head was beginning to swell from the crashing left hooks, and as the fight continued, it looked like an old, lopsided medicine ball with features painted on it. Often Saddler, trying to pull loose, spun Davis about, and the crowd shrieked its outrage; at the end of one of the middle rounds, Davis spun Saddler, and the crown cheered. It wasn't until the eleventh that I heard a kind word for the long fellow. Then a hero off in the arena seats bravely yelled, "You're my boy, Sandy!" There was a stunned hush for fully three-fifths of a second. After the tenth, it was clear to even the most devoted rooters for the underdog that nothing was to be expected of him, and after the eleventh, the vociferation was merely peevish. If I dwell with distaste on this popular reaction to the original artist, it is because it seemed to me to reflect the influence exerted on the fight crowd by television wrestling, which isn't watched as a sporting event at all but as a clash of factitious personalities. Saddler and out—he didn't think he could have, anyway. He said that no punch had hurt him, and that the referee had been O.K. He was not breathing hard, and he was unmarked. Jimmy Brooks, holding a small levee for Harlem friends in a corner of the dressing room, was expansively delighted. "You know how glad I am not to have to go back to the country, my friend," he said to me. "Now for a short-order double helping of gracious living."

Mr. Briscoe, however, was in a mountainous rage, like the mother of a prima donna who had't had enough curtain calls. "They booed before he even touched the guy!" he howled.

"He looked pretty good in there, I thought," I said, to cheer him up.





Top left: Saddler lands right that floored Davey Gallardo in third round. Gallardo was knocked out in seventh. Left: Lulu Perez is on the receiving end of Saddler's jab. He lasted four. Above: Saddler connects with a left and tries to pick up fallen mouthpiece with his right in eighth round of 1956 title bout with Flash Elorde. Saddler won in 13th on cuts.

Johnston had been goaded for a year to risk the title the newspapermen said they had been "keeping in mothballs," and Davis was the best challenger at the weight. In horse racing, when a Native Dancer or Man o' War outclasses the other horses of his age, it does not detract from his popularity. Davis finished the fight on his feet. Saddler's failure to flatten him was thoroughly resented by the same coves who would have hated the champion even more if he had flattened him, and the unanimous decision for Saddler was roundly booed.

I went back to Saddler's dressing room, under the Garden, a few minutes after the champion's faction left the ring. The fighter, reclining on one elbow on a rubbing table, was telling the newspapermen that once Davis had gone completly on the defensive, he had not tried too hard to knock him

"Pretty good!" he bellowed. "Pretty good! He done the forcing. He done the leading. The feller never come to him, he come to the feller. What other champion ever done that? He ain't rough. Rough fellers, he tames them. He makes alter boys out of them. Right in the kazazza!"

Mr. Briscoe appeared to be so near the point of strangulation that I slapped him on the back. It was a mistake. He regained the use of his voice. "He is the greatest fighter that ever tied on a glove in the history of the world," he said.

Johnston was more measured in his praise. "Would you say now that Saddler is a great, great champion, like Moore?" I asked him.

"Well, when he's had as much experience as Moore, he will be," Johnston said. (Saddler had had a hundred and fifty-three figths, but Moore had had more.) "Right now, I'd call him just great and a half."

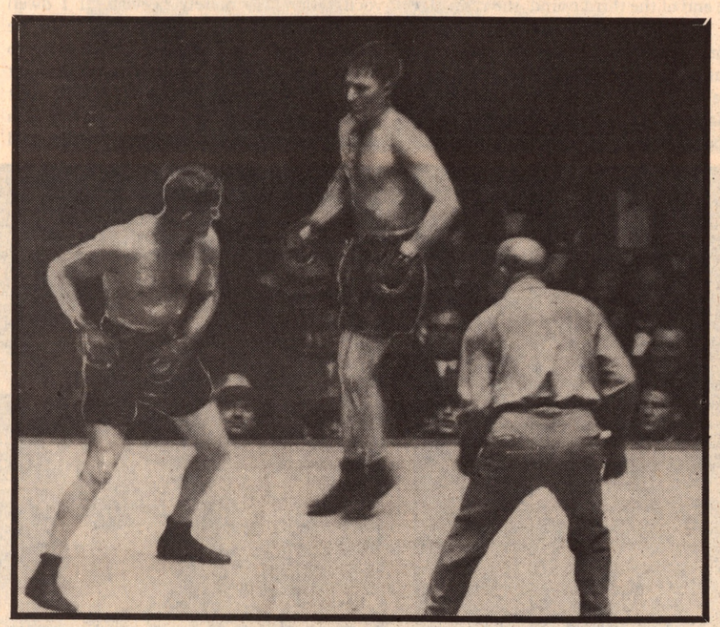
Requiem For A Light Heavyweight: Tommy Loughran

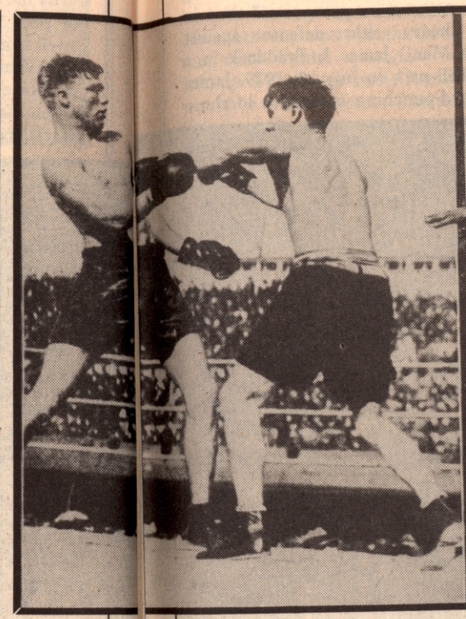
THE PASSING YEARS HAVE BEEN KIND TO Tommy Loughran. The urbane Philadelphian is making the most of Father Time's favors as he moves about the boxing game with the poise, class and dignity which distinguished his long career in the ring.

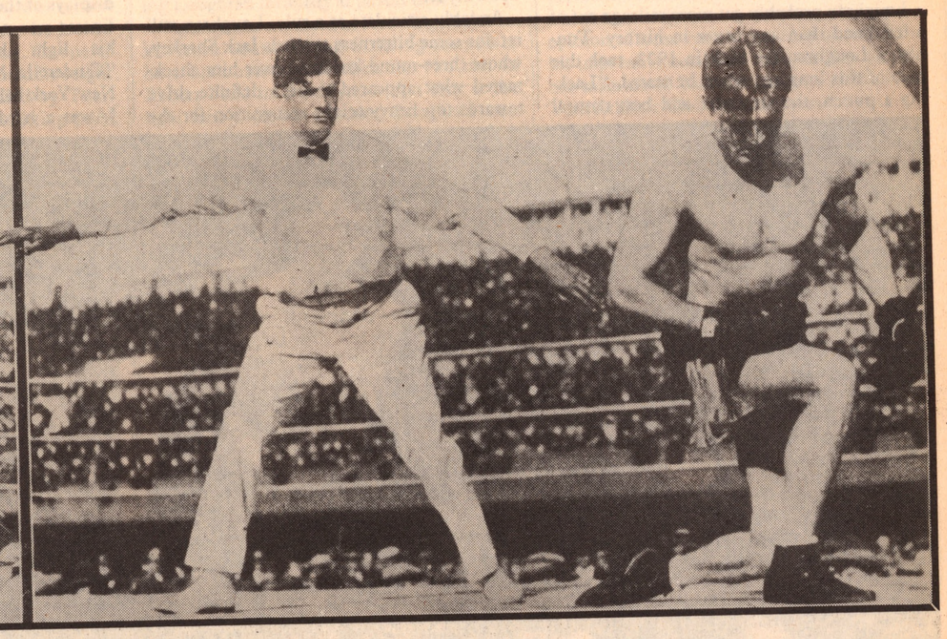
One would never guess that the half century milestone is a half dozen years behind the still handsomely erect one-time "Phantom of Philly." Thirty-five years have gone by since that January night in 1923 when black-haired Tommy, a boyish twenty-one with finely chiseled features, strode down the aisle of old Madison Sq. Garden with all the bearing of a parish altar boy, to engage the great Harry Greb in his first New York appearance. The crowd found it hard to believe that this apparent juvenile was a man who already had undergone the acid tests of two meetings with Greb and one with Gene Tunney.

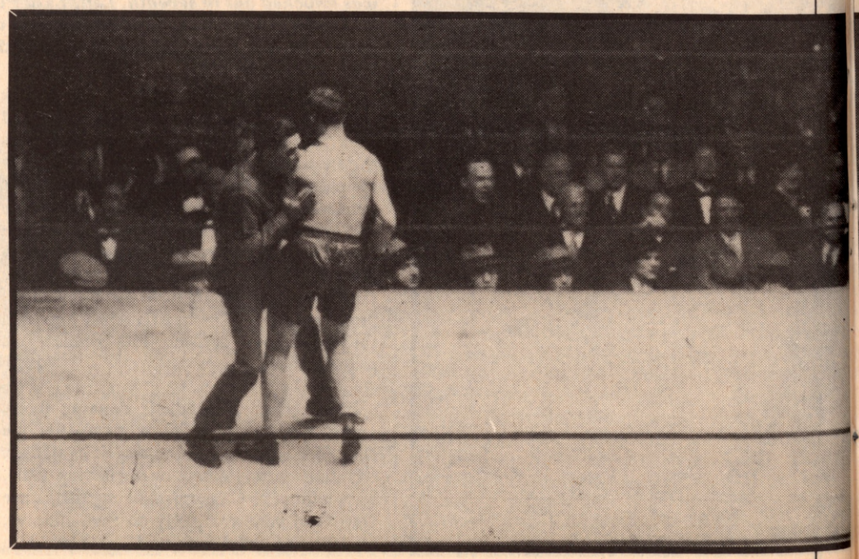
Loughran didn't beat Greb that night. He laughingly admits, "I had boxed Greb twice before in no-decision bouts, but I soon found out that Harry was an entirely different proposition with a decision on the line. I never saw so many gloves in my life, but fighting Greb was a boxing education. He wasn't a puncher, but all styles were simple after I met Greb four times, and I took a decision over him later that same year in Boston."

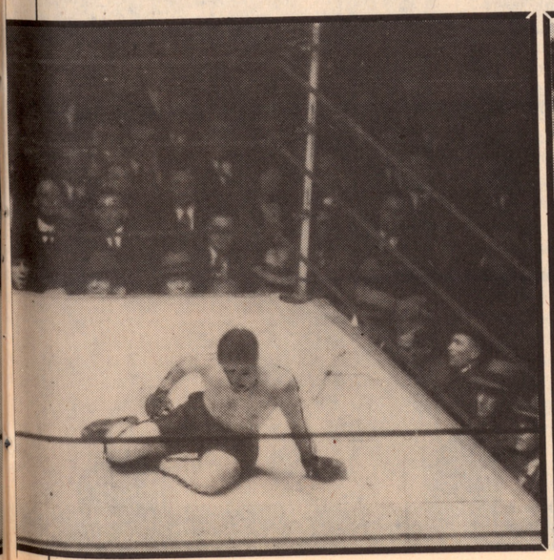
Loughran's career, encompassing action in three classes, took in successive fistic eras. He served a stern apprenticeship facing the likes of Jeff Smith, Greb, Tunney, and Mike McTigue as a teenage post World War I middleweight. Then he moved into the arena of his greatest success, the light heavyweight class, in the mid-Twenties. In 1927, after a classic boxing contest with Jimmy Slattery,

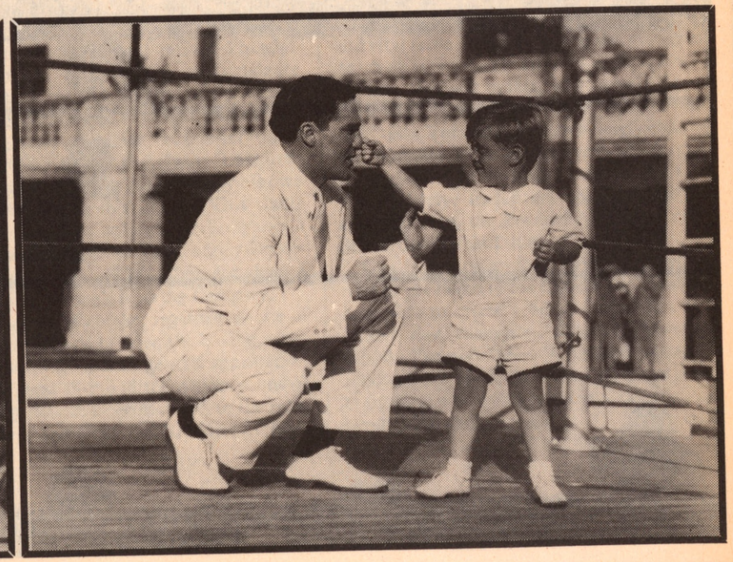












Tommy gained unanimous recognition as the 175-pound champion. He never lost this title, abandoning the cruiserweights to go after the heavyweight championship.

Few of the heavyweights of the early Thirties escaped getting their boxing lessons from Professor Loughran. Max Baer, Paolino, Johnny Risko, Campolo, Ernie Schaaf, King Levinsky, Tuffy Griffiths, Steve Hamas—all found the Loughran left hand as difficult to solve as a problem in differential calculus.

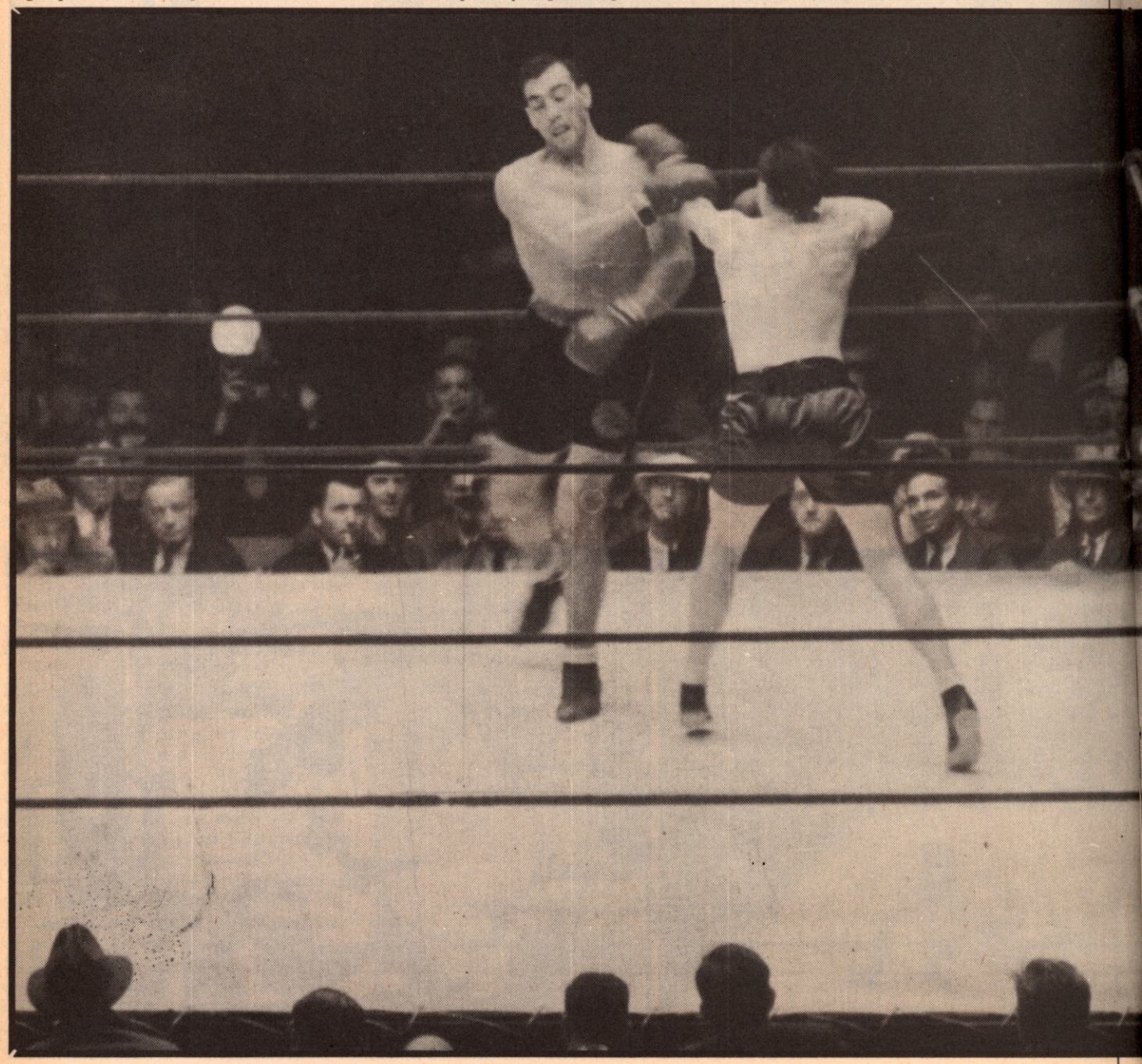
Loughran probably got more mileage out of a left hand than any boxer in history. Tunney, a Loughran foe back in 1922, took due note of this long ago when he stated, "Lacking a punch, the strongest and best natural defense in boxing, Loughran did more with what he had than any fighter in my experience."

Loughran no doubt views this observation as a compliment of the "left handed" variety, since his punching power is a subject about which he is unusually sensitive. "I had a bad right hand all through my career," he explains. "That, and not any weak hitting on my part, was the real reason why I had to rely upon my left."

Amiably articulate as a rule, Loughran still retains some bitterness towards Jack Sharkey, whose three-round knockout over him checkmated what appeared to be a definite drive towards top heavyweight recognition for the Philadelphian back in 1928.

"Sharkey was lucky," he still somewhat heatedly insists. "He wouldn't even consider giving me another chance after he won the title and I've never forgiven him for that. When we finally fought again in Philadelphia in 1933, I forgot all about my tender right hand, knocked him down, and gave him a first class licking."

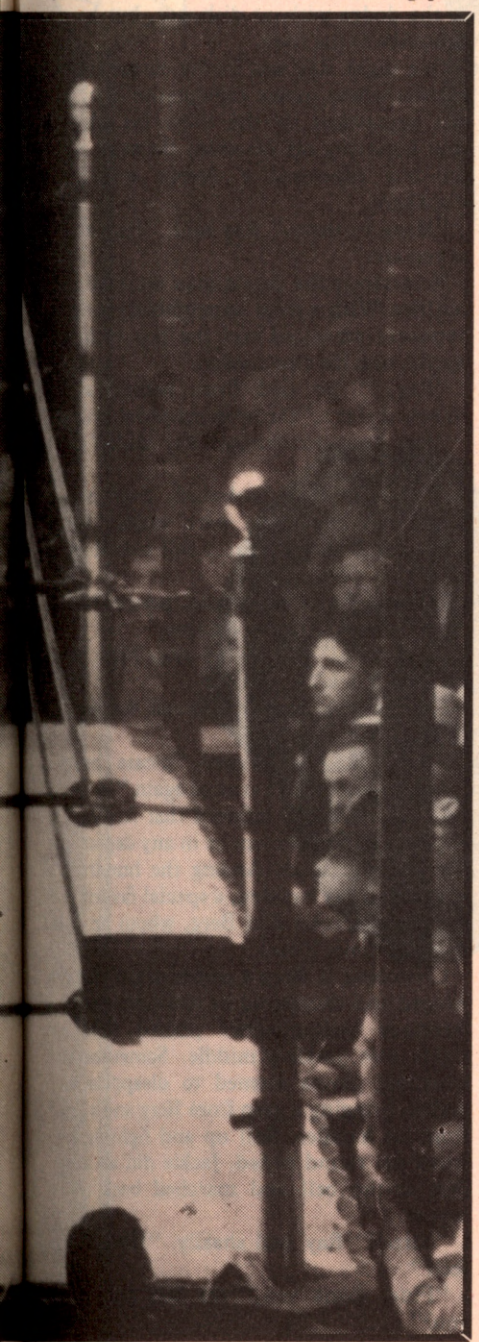
In a career replete with uncannily skillful displays of the art of boxing, Loughran's ring finesse was never more pronounced than in his light heavy title defense against "Cinderella Man" James J. Braddock in a New York ball park on July 18, 1929. James J. was a hard-punching contender in those



days, and in the first minute he opened a wide cut above Loughran's eye.

That was the last solid punch the free-hitting Jerseyman landed. This was the fight in which Loughran seemed to vanish from punches, and thus was born the nickname "The Phantom of Philly."

Unlike many orthodox stand-up boxers, southpaws presented no particular problem to Loughran. The towering Philadelphia left-handed heavyweight, Jack Gross, was turned back by Tommy three times when he looked like a genuine heavyweight threat. In one of his early fights, southpaw middleweight Johnny Wilson was easily handled by Tommy, as was Dave Maier, a hard-hitting portsider out of Milwaukee.



As light heavyweight king, Loughran had a close shave with Mickey Walker out in Chicago on March 25, 1929, in a bout best remembered for some complex financial stipulations concocted by canny Jack Kearns, then managing Mickey. Walker was guaranteed $10,000 if he won the title, but was to get $50,000 if he lost. Little wonder that few took Doc Kearns' sqwawk over the decision favoring Loughran seriously at payoff time.

Tommy was a wizard at reversing decisions in return bouts. Young Stribling seemed to have his number, but when the two met in Ebbets Field in Brooklyn, with a shot at the light heavy crown at stake, Loughran won handily. Steve Hamas kayoed Tom on Jan. 15, 1932, but was thoroughly befuddled by the skillful "Phantom" five months later. Loughran caught up with Ernie Schaaf and King Levinsky after dropping decisions to both, giving them boxing lessons in encore matches.

No fighter ever looked more futile—or admitted it more theatrically—than Max Baer when he tangled with Tommy in the Garden on Feb. 6, 1931. After several rounds of trying to locate the wraithlike Loughran with his looping punches, the Californian stopped trying, turned to the crowd and extended his arms with a "What can you do?" expression on his face.

By an odd quirk of fate, Jack Dempsey provided a stepping stone for Loughran in Tommy's bid for public acceptance as an outstanding boxer. Dempsey had established training headquarters for the first Tunney fight at Atlantic City. Aware of Tunney's boxing skill Jack sent out a call for fast, clever sparmates to prepare him for the coming match.

Loughran was one who responded. The Loughran-Dempsey workout on that September day in 1926 made the refined Philadelphian famous, as pressmen in attendance flooded the wires with reports of the boxing lesson the young middleweight handed the onrushing champion. Jack became infuriated at his inability to nail the elusive Loughran and was made to appear ridiculous by his own temper and Loughran's finesse. This single training session not only gained Loughran a place as semi-finalist on the Tunney-Dempsey card in Philly in 1926, it brought about a sharp drop in the odds favoring Dempsey.

Loughran is, of course, regarded as one of the all-time masters of scientific boxing, a position in keeping with his general appearance, demeanor, and all-round reputation as one of the most publicized "gentlemen" of the ring, in the best traditions of "Gentleman Jim" Corbett.

Tommy eventually did fight for the heavyweight title. This contest is celebrated mainly for the disparity in weights between Loughran and the champion, Primo Carnera. There was an eighty-six pound difference between the two! Carnera weighing 270 to Loughran's 184 pounds, made the most of his bulk in gaining the decision in Miami on March 1, 1934.

Loughran has shown a skill at evading the bonds of matrimony, even exceeding that for which he was famous in the ring. This, in the opinion of some cynics, probably accounts for his impressive condition today at fifty six. He has maintained bachelor quarters in the New York Athletic Club for many years.

At forty, with almost twenty years of ring warfare behind him, he was still physically acceptable to the U.S. Marines during World War II, serving as physical conditioner.

Loughran's high sense of values and his integrity are evidenced by his long and ideal relationship with his manager, the late Joe Smith of Philadelphia. Smith was the only manager Loughran ever had, and they never had a written contract between them. The late Bob Levy, one-time manager of Battling Siki, another pilot of high principles, was also associated with Tommy throughout the greater part of his career.

A Wall Street job gives Loughran plenty of leeway in pursuing his present avocation of sports commentator and lecturer throughout the country. As a living advertisement for his long-time profession, no one can top Loughran, and the value of boxing properly supervised, is a favored theme of Loughran's talks to Father-and-son gatherings, religious groups, athletic organizations, civic societies, sports dinners, and sundry gatherings everywhere. Averaging two appearances a week, personable Tommy offering himself as exhibit "A" of the benefits of boxing, is a live and vital force in counteracting the propaganda which is constantly directed at the sport.

"Like so many others, what would I have been, what could I have done, without boxing?" asks Tommy, "People wrongly confuse the mistakes of some fighters—which they themselves admit—with boxing itself. I wouldn't have traded my boxing career for anything even, the Presidency of the United States, that's what I think of it."

This is the point that Tommy Loughran tries to get home to his hearers and there are none able to create a better impression as a former ring champion, than the erstwhile "Philly Phantom" who in his later years is a solid symbol of the benefits that boxing can bring to one who follows it as a career, with intelligence and judgment. □

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BY TED CARROLL

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ON THE SUBJECT OF PUNISHMENT

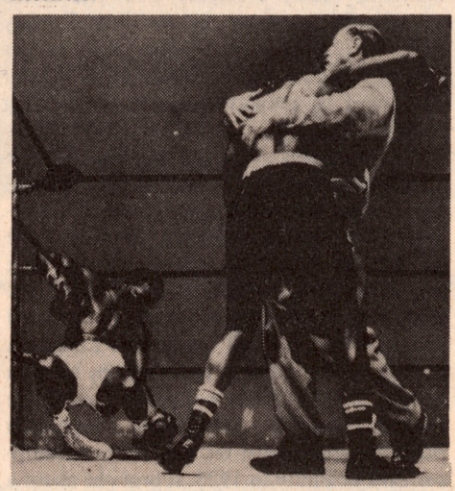
THE PITIFUL CASE OF BENNY PARET moves each according to his nature. The habitually hysterical raise the scream of "legalized murder," and their number includes some who are equally quick to revile any fighter who, unlike Paret, quits under punishment. The politicians fulminate as politicians must, like that cluck in the South Carolina Legislature who wants a law requiring circular or ten-sided rings so a fighter can't be trapped in a corner.

Prodded perhaps by fear or maybe by conscience, Manny Alfaro, Paret's manager, gave a disgraceful performance trying to pin the blame on Ruby Goldstein, the referee. Nobody involved has any right to blame anybody else for a tragic accident, least of all a manager who gets his boy cruelly beaten by Gene Fullmer, then sends him back against a man who has already knocked him out.

To me boxing is a rough, dangerous and thrilling sport, the most basic and natural and uncomplicated of athletic competitions, and—at its best—one of the purest of art forms. Yet there is no quarrel here with those who sincerely regard it as a vicious business that should have no place in a civilized society.

They are wrong, of course, those who think boxing can be legislated out of existence. It has been tried a hundred times, but there were always men ready to fight for prizes on a barge or in a pasture lot or the back room of a saloon. It is hard to believe that a nation bereft of such men would be the stronger or better for it.

Still, if a man honestly feels that boxing should be abolished, he has every right to cite the Paret case in support of his position. The quarrel here is with the part-time bleeding hearts, the professional sob sisters of press and politics and radio who seize these opportunities to parade their own nobility, demonstrate their eloquence, and incidentally stir the emotions of a few readers, voters or listeners.



Some of the fakers now sobbing publicly over Paret have waxed ecstatic over a Ray Robinson or Joe Louis. It must be comforting to have it both ways.

Sometimes it seems there are more frauds outside boxing than in it. At least, the professionals are realists who recognize the game for the rough business it is, and accept the stern code which demands that a beaten man go on fighting as long as he is able to stay on his feet.

This doesn't mean that all card-carrying members of the fight mob are cut to the Hollywood-and-pulp-fiction pattern—scheming, selfish, dishonest mercenaries devoid of all decent feeling. A gentleman like Ray Arcel, the great trainer, can spend a lifetime in the dodge without dishonor, but he must subscribe to the code.

One night Ray was in the corner of a boy pacifist whose innate repugnance of violence was aggravated by the shots his adversary kept bouncing off his chin. Between rounds the boy expressed a devout wish to be elsewhere.

"Hang in there," Ray said. "He's as tired as you are."

Reluctantly the young man returned to the conflict. With a most unneighborly scowl his opponent advanced and the boy backed off warily, into his own corner.

"Ray, " he said from behind a half-clenched glove, "throw in the towel, will ya?"

"Just keep punching," Ray said. "You're all right."

The tiger fled backward, buffeted and breathless. His knees were wobbly but he managed to stay up for a full circuit of the ring.

"Please, Ray," he gasped, passing his corner," "throw in the towel now."

"Box him," Ray called after him. "Stick him and move."

The pursuit race continued for another dizzying lap.

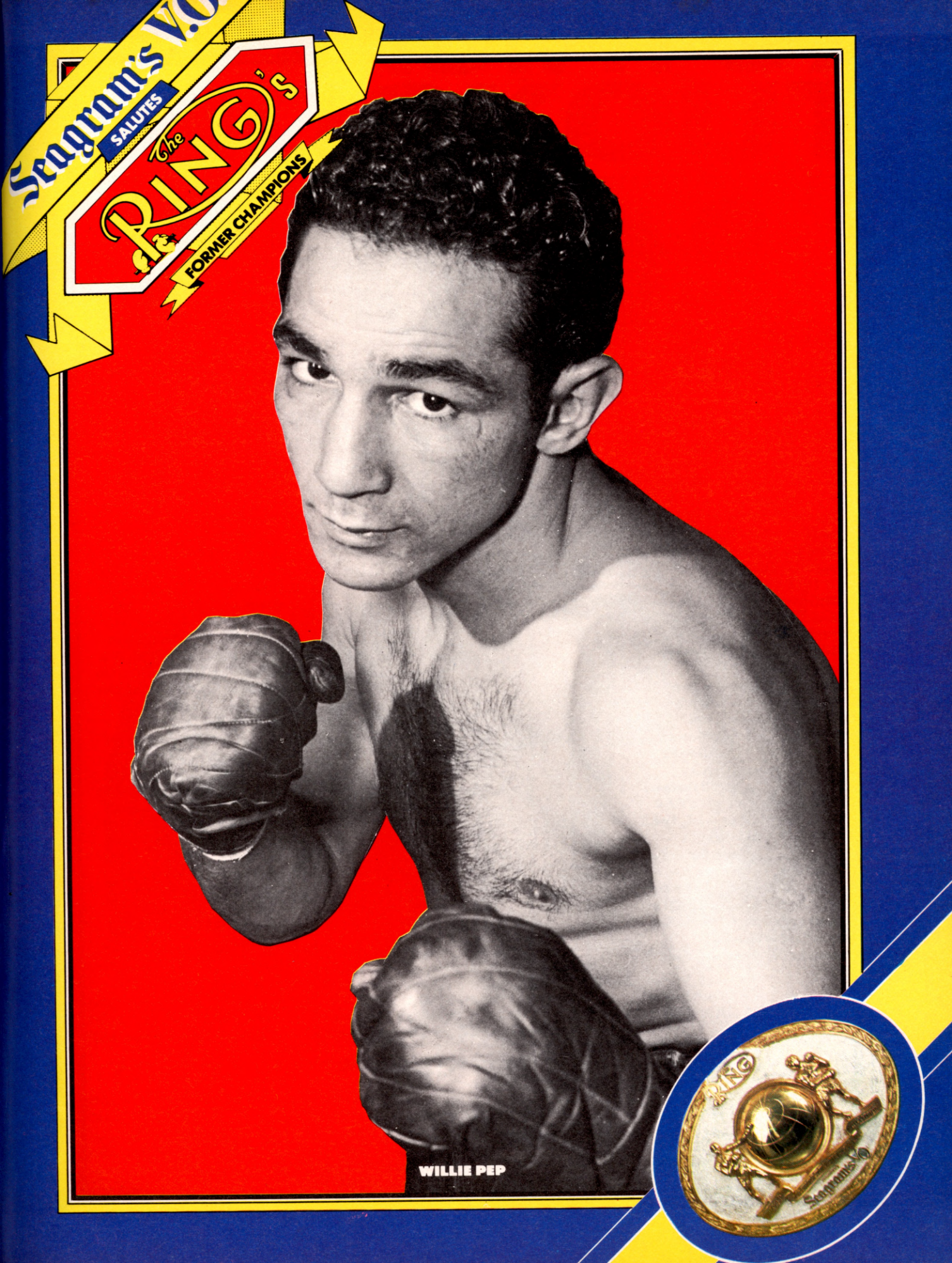
"Ray," the hero begged, "please throw in the towel. I won't be around again."

It should not be inferred that Arcel is impervious to punishment or in any degree lacking in compassion. Among the hundreds of fighters he has handled, a special favorite was the gallant Jackie Kid Berg, whom he called by a pet name, Yitzel.

Crouching in Berg's corner one night, Ray winced and shuddered in vicarious pain as a ferocious body-puncher poured lefts and rights into Jackie's middle. Sometimes the whistling gloves seemed to disappear altogether, bringing a gasp from Berg and a groan from his handler. Still up and fighting back when the round ended, Jackie did an about-face at the bell and marched back to his corner.

"Yitzel!" Ray said shakily. "How do you feel?"

"Fine, thank you," the Kid said, "And you?"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WILLIE PEP

Born Guglielmo Papaleo on September 19, 1922 . . . Height: 5′ 5½″. . . Managed by Lou Viscusi . . . Began his amateur career in 1937 . . . Won the Connecticut State Amateur Flyweight Title in 1938 and the state bantamweight crown the following year . . . Turned pro on July 3, 1940, beating James McGovern on a four-round decision . . . By the end of the year, his record was already 10-0 . . . Added 22 consecutive victories in 1941 . . . Had one of the best years any fighter has ever had, when, in 1942, fought and won 24 times . . . Included was a November 20th, 15-round decision against Chalky Wright for the world featherweight title . . . Took a 62-0 record into a March 19, 1943 bout against Sammy Angott . . . Pep lost for the first time, dropping a 10-round decision . . . From the time he turned pro, fought at least once every month after that for the next 34 months . . . Defended the title successfully six times . . . Went into an October 29, 1948 title bout with a record of 134-1-1 . . . The draw happened against Jimmy McAllister in December, 1945 . . . In that October 29th defense, Sandy Saddler stopped him in the fourth round . . . On February 11, 1949, regained the crown by outpointing Saddler over 15 rounds . . . Added three more successful defenses over the next 13 months before facing Saddler in a rubber match on September 8, 1950 . . . Pep was stopped in the eighth round . . . Eight victories in 1951 put him in a fourth title match against Saddler . . . On September 26, 1951, Saddler halted Pep in the ninth round . . . Although Pep fought on until 1966 in over 75 more fights, never received another shot at the title . . . Lost his final fight by six-round decision to Calvin Woodland . . . At the time, Pep was 43½ . . . Nickname: "Will o' the Wisp" . . . Presently a member of the Connecticut State Athletic Commission . . . Overall record: 229-11-1, 65 knockouts.

WILLIE PEP'S TITLE FIGHTS

Nov. 20, 1942	Chalky Wright, New York	W	15
June 8, 1943	Sal Bartolo, Boston	W	15
Sept. 29, 1944	Chalky Wright, New York	W	15
Feb. 19, 1945	Phil Terranova, New York	W	15
June 7, 1946	Sal Bartolo, New York	KO	12
Aug. 22, 1947	Jock Leslie, Flint	TKO	12
Feb. 24, 1948	Humberto Sierra, Miami	TKO	10
Oct. 29, 1948	Sandy Saddler, New York	KO	by 4
Feb. 11, 1949	Sandy Saddler, New York	W	15
Sept. 20, 1949	Eddie Compo, Waterbury	TKO	7
Jan. 16, 1950	Charley Riley, St. Louis	KO	5
Mar. 17, 1950	Ray Famechon, New York	W	15
Sept. 8, 1950	Sandy Saddler, New York	TKO	by 8
Sept. 26, 1951	Sandy Saddler, New York	TKO	by 9

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